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McGreevey Visits Library Construction



Mayor James Kennedy introduces a smiling Governor James McGreevey at the site of Rahway's new library, which will feature such amenities as high-speed internet access and a breathtaking river view.

On July 31, Mayor James Kennedy, members of the City Council and Public Library Trustees hosted Governor James E. McGreevey as he wrapped up his 10-day Celebrate New Jersey tour of the state with a visit to the new Rahway Public Library building under construction behind City Hall.

The goal of Celebrate New Jersey is to celebrate New Jersey's unique culture and heritage, while continuing to advance his Administration's commitment to investing in New Jersey's future through educational and economic development initiatives. McGreevey's visit to the library was to recognize the library's Summer Reading Club and to reinforce his goal of making sure that every 3rd grader in New Jersey can read at or above reading level.

Following the Governor's visit, Secretary of State Regena Thomas spoke to local children about her job and read to them as part of the "Read and Grow" program. The initiative is designed to highlight summer reading programs at public libraries throughout the state and encourage young people to discover the power, potential, and joy of reading. Secretary Thomas challenged New Jersey's youth to read across New Jersey or read so many books that if they were placed end to end they would stretch from Cape May to High Point. It is estimated that it would take 876,480 books to accomplish this goal and with more than 100,000 children participating in summer reading programs throughout the state, each child would have to read nine books.

The entire 75,000 square foot building was designed by the Summit-based architectural firm, The Biber Partnership. The new library is a revolutionary public-private partnership that involves selling the top two floors to a private firm and using the remainder of the building as public library space. This is the first such agreement in New Jersey and only one of a handful throughout the nation. The sale is expected to net \$3.5 million to help fund the building's construction.

The 32,000 square foot library will be wired for high-speed Internet access, contain an attractive fireplace, a coffee shop and café and will have terraces that overlook the Rahway River for patrons to read and relax. The children's department will be nearly doubled in size—from 2,800 square feet to 5,400 square

feet—resulting in expanded and improved programs for younger residents.

The city is receiving approximately \$4.4 million from the federal and state governments, with \$3 million to come from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and \$1.4 million from the state Office of Emergency Management. The United States Economic Development Administration is contributing \$1 million, and the city has received \$2 million from a State Library grant.

The federal and state funds were a product of Hurricane Floyd, which swept through Rahway in September, 1999 with high winds and over a foot of rain. Because the old library at the intersection of St.

Georges and Central Avenues sat on a flood plain of the Robinson's Branch of the Rahway River, the library sustained some \$1 million in flood damage and was deemed too expensive to rebuild (this being the eighth flood in the library's 32-year history at the site). Last year, the old library was demolished and replaced with an expanded park, which will house a new playground and five regulation tennis courts.



A Fourth to Remember! Approximately 4,000 city residents turned out on a hot July 4th to enjoy the city's first "Holiday at Home" Independence Day celebration. After an afternoon of outdoor games for the whole family, 60s legends the Shirelles entertained the crowd with a free concert. The evening was highlighted by a spectacular fireworks show over the Rahway River.

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Mayor's

Why Does Redevelopment Take So Long?

Being Mayor for the past decade and experiencing the triumphs and tribulations of redevelopment have certainly been lessons in patience. While we have seen progress on many key elements of downtown redevelopment (train station, recreation center, arts district, etc.), other projects are still "on the drawing board" and we still have to deal with vacant or underused properties. Over the years, a few residents have come to me asking, "why does redevelopment take so long?" There are several reasons that affect the pace of redevelopment in a central business district such as ours, and I'll take this opportunity to explain what the city is doing to speed up the process and add new buildings to our tax rolls.

Land costs: The biggest incentive and disincentive to redevelopment is the price of land and improvements on that land. I've estimated that the average cost of land and improvements in our central business district to cost around \$500,000 an acre. That is an extraordinary amount of money, and as you can imagine, high prices can hinder the easy purchase and redevelopment of properties. Sadly, it is still less expensive in the short-term in New Jersey to cut down a forest or purchase a farm for a new building than it is to purchase developed land in a small urban center like Rahway.

Parcel sizes: The days of the 25 x 100 foot lot have been long over in New Jersey. Many of the properties in our downtown are on undersized lots and are owned by a myriad of property owners, making negotiations and acquisitions time-consuming and costly. The Rahway Redevelopment Agency has been active in assembling many of these smaller lots into larger parcels to make them more economically attractive for developers.

Environmental challenges: It's no secret that Rahway has long been known as an industrial city. Merck, Regina, Quinn & Boden, Purolator and Wheatena are a few of the industries that rose to prominence in our city, and as we now live in a post-industrial age, many of them have long departed, leaving behind a variety of environmental issues that must be addressed by the public and private sectors. Cleanup is slow and costly, and sorting through the bureaucracy of state and federal regulations, while necessary to promoting public health, can significantly add to the cost of a project.

In addition, the Rahway River cuts through the heart of our central business district. While most of us think that the river is an asset to redevelopment, we have to remember that it is a living waterway that has long been stressed by urban growth. What was allowed to be built along the banks of the Rahway River in 1902, in many cases, will not be allowed to be built today thanks to stringent environmental laws designed to protect water supplies, prevent flooding and aid wildlife.

Faced with these challenges, the city must look creatively at several solutions. Several years ago, we took that first step by creating the Rahway Center Partnership. This public-private agency is funded by local property owners and the city as a tool to promote our central business district and to address issues important to local residents and businesses. The RCP has sponsored dozens of events in our downtown and has been an advocate of many of the small business owners who are making a living there.

Second, the city created the Rahway Redevelopment Agency last January to cut through the red tape and to



act as a direct catalyst for redevelopment in our central business district. The Agency has aggressively moved to market and package many parcels of land downtown and in other areas of the city to turn these former eyesores into thriving new businesses and homes.

Third, the city must look towards other revenue sources other than local property taxes to develop these properties. Governor James McGreevey has been particularly keen to the problems that older communities like Rahway face in redeveloping central business districts. Working with builders, environmentalists and planners, he has been championing "smart growth" around transit hubs and existing utilities as a solution to reckless suburban sprawl. Rahway has thankfully been a direct beneficiary of his policies. The construction of our \$16 million train station and community plaza on Irving Street and East Milton Avenue has attracted the attention of numerous developers and urban planners who are capitalizing on the smart growth movement. Earlier this year, Rahway was named one of only seven state-wide "transit villages" by the New Jersey Department of Transportation for promoting sustainable development around a community resource like our train station. The transit village designation opens up a whole new pool of public and private monies to rebuild streets and sidewalks, construct new units of housing and develop new commercial projects that will put more properties on our tax rolls and enhance the quality of life for our whole city.

Does the future of our central business district look brighter now than it did in 1992? I think many of us will say that it does. However, the city and the major stakeholders in its future are united in what we have the potential to become, and we realize that this is a long-term process with long-term benefits for the entire city.

On behalf of my family and your municipal employees, have a safe and enjoyable fall!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James J. Kennedy". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

MAYOR

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www.cityofrahway.com

Rahway Students Receive Awards

Academic achievement by Rahway School System students continues to expand and this growth was acknowledged by a wide variety of scholastic and artistic awards that were presented at the culmination of the 2001-2002 school year.



Middle Schoolers awarded. Thirteen Rahway Middle School students were recently awarded the President's Education Award for their accomplishments in the classroom. This year's awardees are: (front row, from left) Krystyne DeJesus, Alyssa Barnes and Josan Jorvina; (second row, from left) Krystin Biscardi, Gabriella Diogo and Amanda Casares; (third row, from left) Elise Burnette, Sean Cawley, Steven Kecker and Ashlee Stephan; (fourth row, from left) Anastasia Mark, Steven Reis and Crystal Aker.

Grover Cleveland Principal Larry Reed recently presented fourth grader Christina Marshall and fifth grader Melissa Libbey their 2002 Honor Society for Academic Excellence awards for maintaining straight A's for the entire school year.

Franklin School fifth graders Colin Stickles, Nicole Simon, Rayven Johnson, Philip Newtown, Daniel Makin and Alex Nolan won PTO academic high honor awards that were presented during the school's annual honors convocation in June.

Roosevelt School 4th graders Courtney Kovacs, and Kyle Devitt, were recently awarded first- and fourth-place ribbons, respectively, for their posters in the highly competitive 2002 Union County Dental Health poster contest.



Congratulations 2002 Vagelos Scholars. Retired Merck CEO and Rahway native Dr. P. Roy Vagelos, right, and his wife, Diana, present the 2002 Dr. P. Roy Vagelos Scholar Awards to Rahway High School seniors Billy Chou and Christine Campanelli. Chou and Campanelli are now first-year students at Ithaca College and New York University, respectively.



With Mayor James Kennedy and several local dignitaries present, the ribbon-cutting ceremony celebrating the opening of the newly renovated Veterans Memorial Field complex was held on April 2 prior to the opening game of the 2002 varsity baseball season.

In the spring of 2000, city voters approved a ballot question authorizing the restoration of the sports complex. Work on the ball fields and press box was completed in the spring, restoring Veterans Memorial Field to its former glory. The field's new electronic scoreboard was donated by the Rahway Savings Institution.

Students Design Mailboxes For Retired American Flags

On July 4, there was much more going on behind City Hall than a Shirelles concert and fireworks show. Shortly before the Shirelles were to take the stage, Mayor James Kennedy and Councilman Sal Mione formally unveiled two mailboxes that will be placed at two locations in Rahway to accept retired flags.

Earlier this year, Rahway firefighter Michael Brothers and the F.M.B.A. Local #33 solicited assistance from the commu-

nity on this project. The Rahway Post Office quickly donated two mailboxes, and members of American Legion Post #5 and a local business, Raw Metal, Inc., repaired and primed the mailboxes. Next, Rahway High School National Honor Society art students painted the mailboxes in a patriotic design.

The mailboxes have been placed in front of Rahway Fire Headquarters on Main Street and American Legion Post #5 on Maple Avenue. Flags will be collected from the boxes and properly disposed of by the American Legion.

"With the proliferation of flags and other patriotic memorabilia that cropped up after September 11, our community came together to provide two receptacles so residents can properly dispose of their worn-out flags," said Kennedy. "This was truly a community-wide effort, and I would like to especially thank firefighter Mike Brothers, President Charlie Leone and the members of Rahway F.M.B.A. Local #33, the Rahway Post Office, Ms. Joanne Campanelli and the Rahway High School's National Honor Society art majors, American Legion Post #5 and Raw Metal for their many long hours of volunteer work. It is truly a fitting honor to our flag, our country, and the men and women who have sacrificed their lives in defense of our flag."

For more information on proper care and display of the flag, visit http://www.legion.org/our_flag/of_main.htm.



From left, F.M.B.A. Local #33 president Charlie Leone, Mayor James Kennedy, RHS art teacher Joanne Campanelli, Councilman Sal Mione, Fire Captain Dave Johnson and firefighter Mike Brothers display the new flag disposal boxes behind City Hall.

Senior Stuff

Rahway Division of Senior Services Upcoming 2002 Events

The city's 21st annual Health Fair will be held at the Rahway Recreation Center on Sunday, October 20 from 8:00 A.M. to 12 noon. Health tests and blood testing will be available.

Union County Minority Task Force on Aging's Eighth Informational Health Fair: Good Health to You, Saturday, Sept. 28, from 9:30 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. at the Rahway Senior Center. The day includes speakers, exhibitors and lunch.

Upcoming Blood Pressure Screenings

Rahway Senior Center
Third Wednesday of the month
10:00 A.M.—12 noon

Sept. 18, 2002 Jan. 15, 2003
Oct. 16, 2002 Feb. 19, 2003
Nov. 20, 2002 Mar. 19, 2003
Dec. 18, 2002 Apr. 19, 2003

Rahway Recreation center
First Tuesday of the month
3:00 P.M.—5:00 P.M.

Sept. 3, 2002 Feb. 4, 2003
Oct. 1, 2002 Mar. 4, 2003
Dec. 3, 2002 Apr. 1, 2003
Jan. 4, 2003

Rahway Senior Clubs

Rahway Retired Men's Club
Meets every Monday at 1:00 P.M.
Pres. Al Bonassi 381-5648

Merck Retirees
Meets 1st Tue. of each month at 1 P.M.
Pres. V. Didia 738-4639

Ladies Golden Age Club
Meets every Wednesday at 12:15 P.M.
Pres. Bernice Valentine 388-3981

Retired Railroaders (Group #2)
Meets 1st Sat. of the month at 11 A.M.
Pres. Conrad Kreisel 634-1804

A.A.R.P. Chapter #607
Meets 2nd Thur. of the mo. at noon.
Pr. Marion Morgensen (908)351-3378

Retired Carpenters and Millwrights
Meets 3rd Thurs. of the mo. 1—3 P.M.
Pres. Bill Wolf 388-6859

St. Joseph's Guild
Meets 3rd Tue. of the mo. at 12:30 P.M.
Pr. Catherine McGuire (908)352-0478

North Jersey Electric RR Historical Society
Meets 3rd Tue. of month at 6:30 P.M.
Pres. Bob Hooper (908)876-4709

Union County Minority Task Force on Aging
Meets 1st Friday of the mo. at 12 noon
Lillian Wilder 381-7406

Senior Citizen Bus Transportation

Transportation is available to all Rahway residents 62 years of age and older. Please call Kevin at 499-7930 between 8:00 A.M. and 12 noon to arrange transportation (shopping, doctor's appointments, etc.).

Notary Public Available

The Rahway Senior Center has a notary public of New Jersey on the premises. Any Rahway senior citizen 62 years of age or older may avail themselves of this free service. For more information, call 827-2016.

Mayor Kennedy's Birthday Breakfast Club

One of the favorite special events run by the division of senior services is Mayor Kennedy's birthday breakfast.



Marie Brown, left, was recently named Rahway Senior Citizen of the Year for 2001 by Mayor James J. Kennedy. Residents are invited to nominate a Rahway senior citizen who deserves special recognition. Deadline for nominations for the 2002 Senior of the Year is February 1, 2003. For information and nomination forms, call 827-2016. Anyone who has previously been nominated must be renominated to be eligible.

Depending on what month your birthday falls, you and a guest will be invited to the Rahway Senior Center and treated to a full breakfast

the date and time of the particular birthday breakfast. Anyone previously registered who has not responded to the invitation in the last year must re-register.

Senior I.D. Cards Offered

This city-wide program to furnish Rahway seniors (ages 62 and older) with free photo I.D. cards is continuing. Call or stop by the Senior Center and fill out an information card. You will then be notified to have your picture taken and the I.D. card issued.

Senior Dining at Rahway Hospital

Meals are available from 4:30 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. seven days a week for seniors, age 60 and older. Meals cost an average of \$3.75. Registration is required. Registration forms are available at the Senior Center. The hospital's menu hotline is 499-6222.

NJ Transit Discounts Available

The Rahway Senior Center has applications for seniors (62 and over) for NJ Transit rail and bus transportation discounts. For more information, call the center at 827-2016.



Pictured above are the "Rahway Rockers," the Rahway Senior Services' line dance class performance group which travels to other locations to entertain other senior groups, nursing homes, etc. Line dance classes are available at the Senior Center on Monday and Friday mornings.

along with other members of the club. To register, please call 827-2016. Everyone registered will receive an invitation in the mail with

Senior Activities 2002-2003

Registration for 2002-2003 fall/winter senior activities will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 10 at the Rahway Senior Center beginning at 9:00 A.M. All programs will be held at the Rahway Senior Citizens Center, 1306 Esterbrook Ave., unless otherwise noted. No mail or phone-in registrations will be accepted. All programs are subject to change.

MONDAYS

Arts & Crafts (must supply own paints)
Dates: 9/16/02—2/17/03
Times: 9—10 A.M. or 11—12 P.M.

Tennis

Dates: 9/16/02—2/17/03
Time: 10 A.M.—11 A.M.
Site: Rahway Recreation Center

Line Dancing

Dates: 9/16/02—2/17/03
Times: 10 A.M.—11 A.M.

Watercolor/Pastels

Dates: 9/16/02—2/17/03
Time: 12:30 P.M.—2 P.M.

TUESDAYS

Walking Club

Dates: 9/17/02—10/29/02
Time: 8:00 A.M.—8:45 A.M.
Site: Rahway River Park

Sing-Along

Dates: 9/17/02—10/29/02
Time: 9:30 A.M.—11 A.M.

Cross-Stitch

Dates: 9/17/02—2/18/03
Time: 9:00 A.M.—10:00 P.M. or 10:00 A.M.—11:00 A.M.

Exercise Class

Dates: 9/17/02—2/18/03
Time: 10 A.M.—11 A.M.

Latch Hook

Dates: 9/17/02—2/18/03
Time: 11 A.M.—12 noon



Mayor James Kennedy (fifth from left), recently inducted members of Chapter 607 of the American Association of Retired Persons at the AARP's annual installation luncheon at the Rahway Senior Citizens Center. Joining the Mayor, are, from left, AARP officers Dot Edwards, Mary London, Helen McWhorter, Marion Mogensen, James Liddy, Betty Martin and Delores Mathis.

Riverfront Park Along Union and Allen Streets Progresses

Mayor James Kennedy and Freeholder Rick Proctor recently announced that work is progressing on the new waterfront park along the North Branch of the Rahway River, in the vicinity of Union and Allen Streets in the First Ward.

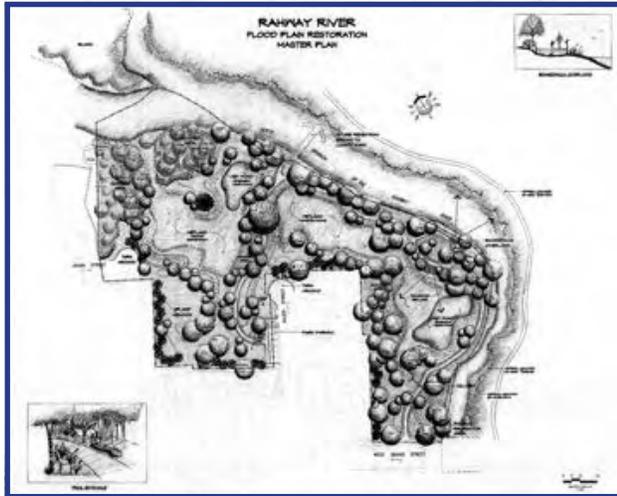
The 4.4-acre park is being developed jointly by the County of Union and the city, with assistance provided by the New York/New Jersey Baykeeper and the Rahway River Association. \$319,000 in funding has already been received from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, the New Jersey Wetlands Mitigation Council, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Agency, Fish America Foundation, and Merck. In addition, the Rahway Department of Public Works; the Union County Division of Parks and Recreation and Division of Public Works; and local Boy and Girl Scouts, environmental and student groups have been providing in-kind services towards the completion of the park. Omni Environmental Corporation of Princeton is providing engineering and construction work.

Environmentalists and bird watchers visiting the park have already spotted birds like Scarlet Tanagers, Baltimore Orioles and Belted Kingfishers in the area.

The new park will feature restored wetlands, a wildflower garden, nature trail, parking and will be accessible to people with disabilities. Several tons of soil were removed to create a flood retention basin to help lessen flooding in the area. Over 50 different species of native trees and other plants are now being planted throughout the park.

Using state Green Acres and FEMA funds, the City purchased 11 flood-prone properties in the area in 1997 and has relocated residents living in the affected floodplain along the river.

"This project will repair decades of human neglect to a cherished resource like the Rahway River," said Kennedy. "It makes no economic sense to keep paying for properties along the Rahway



River that are constantly damaged due to floods. It makes even better environmental sense to restore wetlands along the river so it can flood naturally with minimal impact on lives and property. It will be an important resource for all residents to enjoy as we witness the rebirth of the Rahway River in our community."

"Some 70 years ago, the county had the foresight to preserve lands along the Rahway River to create the Rahway River Parkway that would be enjoyed by future generations," said Proctor. "This is the largest wetlands restoration project of its kind in Rahway and will help minimize flooding while promoting the health and recovery of the Rahway River."

Proctor added that the county has already installed a light trap in the park to monitor the growth of mosquitoes.

Weather permitting, the project is expected to be completed by the end of this year.

Redevelopment Agency Advances On Hamilton Laundry Project

Mayor James Kennedy announced recently that the Rahway Redevelopment Agency has hired an engineering consulting firm and a professional manager to help expedite the development of the former Hamilton Laundry site on Hamilton Street.

Earlier this year, the Redevelopment Agency awarded a \$30,000 contract to Whitestone Associates, Inc., of Watchung to conduct an investigation to identify asbestos-containing materials in the former Hamilton Laundry building. The 19th century building once manufactured wagon wheels and more recently, was the home of an industrial laundry.

The Redevelopment Agency also awarded a \$33,500 contract to former Union County Arts Center Executive Director Joseph Mancuso as a project manager for the downtown arts district.

"In my state of the city address in January," said Kennedy, "I called for the transformation of the old Hamilton Laundry site into a regional performing arts and independent film theater, space for artists' studios and retail space themed around the arts. Mr. Mancuso's expertise in using the arts as a tool of economic development will greatly enhance our growing arts district, which is already highlighted by the Union County Arts Center, Arts Guild of Rahway and Arts District Park. Addressing the environmental issues of the Hamilton Laundry site is also important to speed the project forward and make it economically viable. I'm glad to see progress on the redevelopment of this site."



River Place, a 136-unit luxury apartment building, will soon replace an old parking lot at the corner of Lewis and Dock Streets. 258 new parking spaces for tenants, commuters and shoppers will be added as well. This project is expected to begin this fall and be completed in 2003.

Senior Activities (cont.)

Art of Embellishing

(must supply some materials.)

Dates: 9/17/02—2/18/03

Time: 12 noon—1 P.M.

Colored Pencil/Charcoal

Dates: 9/17/02—2/18/03

Time: 1 P.M.—2:30 P.M.

WEDNESDAYS

Arts & Crafts (must supply own paints.)

Dates: 9/18/02—2/19/03

Time: 11 A.M.—12 noon

Tai Chi

Dates: 9/18/02—2/19/03

Times: *intermed.* 10:45—11:45 A.M. or 12:15—1:15 P.M.; *beg.* 1:30—2:30 P.M.

Holiday Design

Dates: 9/18/02—2/19/03

Time: 12 P.M.—1 P.M.

Country-Western Line Dancing

Dates: 9/18/02—2/19/03

Times: *advanced* 2 P.M.—3 P.M. or

beginners 3 P.M.—4 P.M.

THURSDAYS

Walking Club

Dates: 9/19/02—10/31/02

Time: 8:00 A.M.—8:45 A.M.

Site: Rahway River Park (weath. perm.)

Garden Club

Dates: 9/19/02—2/20/03

Time: 9 A.M.—10 A.M.

Exercise

Dates: 9/19/02—2/20/03

Time: 10 A.M.—11 A.M.

Crochet

Dates: 9/19/02—2/20/03

Time: 10-11 A.M. or 12-1 P.M.

Quilting

Dates: 9/19/02—2/20/03

Time: 11 A.M.—12 noon

Oil Painting

 (must supply own materials)

Dates: 9/19/02—2/20/03

Dates: 9/19/02—2/20/03

Time: 1:30 P.M.—3 P.M.

FRIDAYS

Tennis

Dates: 9/20/02—2/21/03

Time: 10 A.M.—11 A.M.

Memoir Writing

Dates: 9/20/02—2/21/03

Time: 10 A.M.—11:30 A.M.

Line Dancing

Dates: 9/20/02—2/21/03

Time: 10 A.M.—11 A.M.

Tai Chi

Dates: 9/20/02—2/21/03

Times: *intermed.* 10:45—11:45 A.M. or 12:15—1:15 P.M.; *beg.* 1:30—2:30 P.M.

Salsa Dancing

Dates: 9/20/02—2/21/03

Time: 2 P.M.—3 P.M.

Latin Line Dancing

Dates: 9/20/02—2/21/03

Time: 3 P.M.—4 P.M.

PARTNERSHIP

Where Has the Time Gone?

It seems like only yesterday we were making plans for Memorial Day and the beginning of the summer season, and what a hot one it was! Well the temperature wasn't the only thing heating up. Downtown Rahway has quickly become a hotspot as well.

Our events, promotions and seminars have caught the attention of many businesses and residents both inside and outside the downtown district. Congratulations to City Hall for bringing back fireworks to Rahway and to the many groups, organizations, institutions, vendors and volunteers whose contributions made for a spectacular event downtown on the Fourth of July. Talk about an attention getter!

Many people got a glimpse that night of a new Rahway. A changing Rahway. A Rahway on the move. Our strong relationships with Union County Economic Development and local financial institutions have

Chairman's Report

By William J. Brenner, Jr.
Chairman, Rahway Center Partnership

greatly contributed to the changing look and feel downtown. Many businesses have taken advantage of our Facade Improvement Program to renovate or just spruce up their storefronts.

New businesses and residential accommodations are being developed as we speak. A new and improved downtown is on the horizon and the Rahway Center Partnership will continue to be a significant part of that improvement. The list of amenities in the downtown is growing every day. So visit your downtown and support your downtown merchants, they're the core fabric of our downtown. Be a part of this changing downtown—you're going to be pleasantly surprised.



Two of the many classic cars appearing at the Classic Car Show on Saturday, June 22.

Rahway Train Station Plaza Earns Excellence Award

Downtown Rahway's Train Station Plaza, renovated and redesigned in 2000, has been recognized as the best renovation of public space in the State of New Jersey by Downtown New Jersey, a non-profit organization focused on strengthening the state's commercial business districts.

The award was presented at a dinner in Princeton on April 11, 2002. Accepting the award was Ray Mikell, Executive Director of the Rahway Center Partnership (RCP), Paul Mulligan, Committee Chairman of the RCP's Planning & Transportation Committee, Jane Weaver, Christina Weaver and Robert Markey. Paul Mulligan, Jane Weaver, Christina Weaver and Robert Markey are Trustees of the RCP.



Lunch & Concert in cozy Arts District Park—pictured above is April Daniels performing.

RCP to Sponsor 'Festival of Trees'

The Rahway City Partnership is pleased and honored to invite residents and businesses to participate in the First Annual Rahway *Holiday Festival of Trees*. The forest will be a fantasy experience of lights, ornaments, glitter and holiday magic. Individual expressions of art and feeling will have an honorable holiday goal of bringing good cheer to those in need.

To participate your organization will be required to contribute a fully decorated holiday tree that will be displayed in a magical Festival of Trees. The trees will be judged in several categories for award recognition and also offered in a silent auction to the attending public. Proceeds from the auction will be used to bring holiday support and cheer to needy families in Rahway.

We hope your organization or group will participate for the fun, for the fantasy and for the good feeling of helping the needy. You may register on line at www.rcpnj.org or visit the RCP offices on Main Street for an application. Residents are invited to plan now to help establish a new annual tradition and get ready to win the best tree in Rahway award.

Any organization, group, company, business, association or individual departments of each can donate a fully decorated artificial and lighted tree that will be self-standing. Trees will be judged and auctioned off to the public during display hours through a silent auction process.

National Tree Company of Cranford has agreed to be a Corporate Sponsor of the Festival of Trees. They have graciously agreed to allow any official participant to obtain their artificial tree from their factory warehouse catalogue at a **special 50% off Wholesale Prices**. Please contact the RCP office to obtain information and if you wish to take advantage of the National tree offer you will need to have the RCP set up a tree purchase appointment.

Please call the RCP at 396-3545 if you have any questions.

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1534 Irving Street

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Rahway Center Partnership
www.rcpnj.org

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Merck Fire & Life Safety Expo Has Something for Everyone

Each September, the Merck/Linden/Rahway Fire & Life Safety Partnership hosts an annual Fire & Life Safety Expo, a fun-filled event designed to reach out to families about fire safety. This year's event will be held noon to 4 P.M., Sunday, September 29 in the Merck & Co., Inc. parking lot adjacent to Route 1 and E. Scott Avenue in Rahway. The event is free to the public. The rain date is October 13th.

"There is literally something for everyone, from antique fire trucks to a chance to see the inside of a true Medi-Vac helicopter," said Battalion Chief Bob Latherow of the Rahway Fire Department. "Visitors can see the Jaws-of-Life in action or be in a mock fire brigade. You can even get your picture taken in a real firefighters uniform."

"The Fire Safety Expo is a great chance for families to spend a day together," said Dean Manente, Merck's assistant fire chief and partnership chairman for the event. "It features interactive displays and demonstrations to both gain kids' attention and help them learn."

"According to statistics, fire safety is not on everyone's mind," said Ron Kanterman, Merck fire chief. "It is our job to keep fire safety fresh in people's minds so they know what to do when something happens."

The Merck/Linden/Rahway Fire & Life Safety Partnership was formed nine years ago. In order to carry out its mission of teaching its community about safety and fire prevention, the partnership initiated several special projects. In addition to the annual Fire & Life Safety Expo, the partnership has donated model fire trucks to the Rahway and Linden Public Libraries and instituted a smoke detector distribution program.



New Rescue Vehicle Unveiled

Mayor James Kennedy, Fire Chief Edward Fritz and Battalion Chief Harold Stahl recently announced delivery of the Fire Department's new light rescue vehicle. The vehicle is designed to be more mobile than a pumper truck or hook & ladder and will provide needed rescue support for firefighters as they respond to fires and other emergencies. It is also equipped with specialized equipment to help firefighters deal with nuclear, chemical and biological emergencies.

The 2002 Chevrolet 3500 cut-away van with Stahl utility body was purchased for \$35,000 from Multi Chevrolet of Union.

Citizens Police Academy graduate Ronald McCray, instructed by Sgt. Richard Puschell of the Union County Police Department's Bomb Squad, demonstrates the wearing of a Bomb Suit.



DON'T MISS THE CITY HALL CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING



Friday November 29

Rahway Police Activate Reverse 911 & FATS

Mayor James Kennedy and the Rahway Police Department are proud to announce the implementation of two new systems that will greatly enhance training and quality of service by the Rahway Police Department.

The first system is the Laser Shot Simulation Judgmental and Marksmanship Trainer. The simulator is a highly sophisticated firearms training device that looks more like a giant video game. The device consists of a large screen, projector, infrared reader, computer and artificial guns. Special software provides realistic training scenarios and drills that vary from hostage situations to burglaries to motor vehicle stops. These scenes are projected onto a large screen. Officers shoot at the screen and laser points are recorded enabling the officers to receive immediate feedback on their performance. Each drill was specifically designed to increase shooting accuracy, hand-eye coordination, reflexes and marksmanship. These scenarios offer the police officers the opportunity to make judgmental decisions in various situations including life or death situations. Also, firearms instructors can stop the scenes and discuss plans of action with officers.

The second system that the Rahway Police Department has recently employed is called Reverse 9-1-1. Reverse 9-1-1 is an interactive community notification system that enables a recorded telephone message to be sent out to selected areas, blocks or neighborhoods in the event of an emergency. The system is a quick and efficient way of contacting residents of a potentially serious problem near their homes or businesses. It allows the police department to

quickly send out time-critical messages rather than going door-to-door. Messages can be sent to a select neighborhood or the entire city and includes a convenient TTY/TDD feature capable of sending information to the hearing impaired. The system is sophisticated enough to indicate whether a call was received or whether a message was left on an answering machine. It also can be programmed to keep trying until a call has been successfully received.

Another convenient feature of Reverse 9-1-1 is the Bulletin Board. Bulletin Board enables citizens to obtain up-to-date messages such as, crime prevention alerts, street repairs, school closings and more. Community residents simply call a designated phone number to get information from the Bulletin Board.

If you have an unlisted or unpublished telephone number, your information is probably not included in the Reverse 9-1-1-system database. Thus, you will not receive any recorded message that would be sent out to your

area. If you would like to have your information included in the database contact the Rahway Police Department Community Assistance Team at 827-2179. Those who are worried about their phone number getting out to unwanted agencies should have no fear. The numbers and addresses received will be placed into the system and kept *strictly confidential, only to be used in the event of an emergency.*



Rahway PAL players participated in the 2002 Pepsi Pitch, Hit & Run contest. The winners then went on to compete in the sectional finals in North Bergen. Pictured are the local winners who went to the sectionals: (front row, left to right) Nicholas Heim, Danny Walsh, John Tluchowski, Kristyna Barbella, Craig Ludington, James Heim; (standing) David Rybarczyk, Antwan Brooks, Troy Eastman, Anthony Arce, Peter Arce and Raphael Ortiz.

Milton Avenue Bridge Reopens

In August, Union County officially opened the Milton Avenue Bridge, which spans the Rahway River, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

An important link between the city of Rahway and Route One and Nine, the bridge has been closed for about 18 months for the project.

The bridge was originally built in 1916 and the road surface and top of the bridge was built in 1954.

In the \$2.3 million rebuild, the roadway was widened from 42 to 52 feet wide, with two 18-foot traffic lanes.

"This is an important day for the City of Rahway and Union County," said Freeholder Rick Proctor, a city resident. "It is part of our long term commitment to rebuilding and improving our roads and bridges."

"The Rahway River runs through the heart of our city, and naturally, it is important to maintain the many bridges that cross the river," said Mayor James J. Kennedy. "The wait for this bridge was well worth it, and I'm grateful to Freeholders Proctor and Holmes and the County for making this investment in Rahway."

Rahway Named 'Transit Village'

New Jersey Transportation Commissioner Jamie Fox announced that the City of Rahway has been accepted for inclusion in the state's Transit Village program, which partners the city with several state agencies to help implement redevelopment goals at and around the Rahway train station.

"Rahway is aggressively implementing its smart growth vision for redevelopment that meets all the criteria for the Transit Village program," Commissioner Fox said.

To be designated a Transit Village a municipality must demonstrate a commitment to smart growth planning and transit-oriented development, including mixed-use development within a quarter- to half-mile of the transportation facility.

Municipalities that are designated as Transit Villages will be given priority consideration for funding and technical assistance by the participating agencies.

"This is a great honor not only for the city but for the many people who have been involved over the years in encouraging 'smart growth' and development in our central business district," said Kennedy. "The time of reckless suburban sprawl is ending. Our new train station can be the single largest impetus to new growth and development downtown in decades. Commissioner Fox's announcement is proof that the state has taken a keen interest in our accomplishments here in Rahway, and I am optimistic that it will pay off in increased investment in our downtown."



Merck Environmental Operations Section Head Diane Dona, left, and Public Affairs Director Gail Driscoll, right, present a check for \$250,000 to Mayor James Kennedy, center, on June 26.

New Merck Water Deal to Net \$250,000 Annually For City

Mayor James Kennedy recently announced that the city has signed a twenty-year agreement with Merck and Co., Inc. to sell the pharmaceutical giant approximately 1 million gallons of water each year. The Mayor noted that this agreement would provide the city with approximately \$250,000 annually. The City Council approved this agreement at its June 12 regular meeting.

Merck has also agreed to reimburse the city some \$250,000 to cap, seal and grout Municipal Well No. 6, which is located near the Rahway Middle School. The well has not been used by the city for years.

Finally, Merck will fund a \$250,000 project to construct a connection between Rahway's municipal water system and that of Middlesex Water Company.

"This agreement will realize \$750,000 in revenues this year to provide relief for our property taxpayers and make two improvements to our infrastructure that will protect the environment and ensure that our residents have access to safe drinking water at all times," said Kennedy. "For the next twenty years, this steady and reliable source of revenue will help us each year when drafting the budget and will contribute to our ongoing efforts to keep property taxes stable."

Rahway's municipal water rate of \$18.43 per thousand cubic feet of water is the lowest in Union County and is one of the lowest in the entire state of New Jersey.



Senator Corzine, Mayor Kennedy and Councilman Dave Brown view the deteriorated Amtrak trestle near Cherry Street.

Corzine Tours City With Kennedy

U.S. Senator Jon Corzine spent the morning of August 9 touring downtown Rahway with Mayor James Kennedy, Freeholder Rick Proctor and members of the City Council and gave his approval to the city's continuing growth in the central business district.

The Senator then examined some of the decaying Amtrak rail trestles and concrete walls that run through Rahway's central business district. Kennedy is seeking the Senator's aid in having safety and cosmetic repairs made to the trestles and walls, which have been deteriorating since they were completed in 1913 and are further complicated by Amtrak's financial troubles in recent years.

Corzine was later hosted by over 50 seniors at Golden Age Towers, where he engaged them in a lively debate over prescription drug costs and the future of Medicare. He wrapped up his day in Rahway with a visit to the JFK Center on East Hazelwood Avenue with Fourth Ward Councilman David Brown.

MUNICIPAL DIRECTORY

POLICE, FIRE & FIRST AID EMERGENCIES
DIAL: 9-1-1

When dialing one of the following numbers below and you get an answering machine please leave a message and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

MUNICIPAL OFFICES

Accounts Payable	827-2017
Building Inspector	827-2087
City Clerk.....	827-2100
Community Development	827-2043
Comptroller/Finance	827-2020
Court	827-2039
Economic Development	827-2160
Engineering	827-2176
Fire (non emergency)	827-2155
First Aid	827-2013
Health Department	827-2085
Mayor	827-2009
Municipal Administrator	827-2010
Police (non-emergency)	827-2200
Police (CAT Team).....	827-2179
Public Works.....	827-2060
Recreation	669-3600
Recreation (Hot Line).....	827-2095
Recycling	827-2159
Tax Assessor	827-2030
Tax Collector	827-2050
United Water	877-303-2435
Vital Statistics.....	827-2085
Welfare	827-2014

OTHER HELPFUL NUMBERS

Board of Education.....	396-1000
Hospital	381-4200
Library	388-0761
NJ Transit	800-772-2222
Division of Motor Vehicles.....	382-5151
P.A.L.	827-2136
P.A.L. (Hot Line)	827-2097
Parking Authority	381-8778
Post Office.....	388-1110
Rahway Center Partnership	396-3545
Rahway Y.M.C.A.....	388-0057
Rahway Youth Soccer	827-2099
U.C. Arts Center	499-8226

RAHWAY PUBLIC SCHOOLS KLINE PLACE

Dr. William Petrino Superintendent	396-1020
Al DiGiorgio Business Administrator	396-1010
Eleanor Peris, Director Services for Children	396-1035

SCHOOLS

Rahway High School 1012 Madison Ave	396-1100
Intermediate School Kline Place	396-1025
Grover Cleveland School 486 E. Milton Ave	396-1040
Franklin School 1809 St. Georges Ave	396-1050
Madison School 944 Madison Ave	396-1070
Roosevelt School 811 St. Georges Ave	396-1060

**FALL LEAF
Pick-up Begins
October 21
Leaf Collection Hotline
827-2063**

City of Rahway, Division of Parks & Recreation
James J. Kennedy, Mayor
PRESENTS

Fall/Winter 2002/03

Preschool Programs

Peewee Arts & Crafts Ages 3-5
 Session I: Sept. 20–Dec. 6, 2002
 Session II: Jan. 3–Mar. 2003
 Meets: Fridays, 12:45 P.M.–1:30 P.M.
 Fee: \$5.00/session

Peewee Arts & Crafts Ages 3-5
 Session I: Sept. 16–Dec. 2, 2002
 Session II: Jan. 6–March 17, 2003
 Meets: Mondays, 6:00 P.M.–6:45 P.M.
 Fee: \$5.00/Session

Fun Time Ages 3-5
 Session I: Sept. 19–Dec. 5, 2002
 Session II: Jan. 2–March 20, 2003
 Meets: Thursdays, 11:15 A.M.–Noon
 Fee: \$5.00/Session

Tumbly Bears Ages 12-18 Months
 Session I: Sept. 19–Dec. 5, 2002
 Session II: Jan. 2–March 20, 2003
 Meets: Thurs., 10:00 A.M.–10:45 A.M.
 Fee: \$5.00/Session

Tumbly Bears 19 Mos.–2 1/2 yrs.
 Session I: Sept. 20–Dec. 6, 2002
 Session II: Jan. 3–Mar. 21, 2003
 Meets: Fridays, 10:00 A.M.–10:45 A.M.
 Fee: \$5.00/Session

Toddler Time Ages 1-3
 Session I: Sept. 20–Dec. 6, 2002
 Session II: Jan. 3–March 21, 2003
 Meets: Fridays: 11:00 A.M.–12:30 P.M.

Creative Movement Ages 3-5
 Session I: Sept. 19–Dec. 5, 2002
 Session II: Jan. 2–March 20, 2003
 Meets: Thursdays, 9:00 A.M.–9:45 A.M.
 Fee: \$5.00

Youth Programs

Ceramics Grades 2-5
 Session I: Sept. 18–Dec. 4, 2002
 Session II: Jan. 8–March 19, 2003
 Meets: Wednesdays, 3:15 P.M.–4:15 P.M.
 Fee: \$5.00/Session

Ceramics Grades 6-12
 Session I: Sept. 18–Dec. 4, 2002
 Session II: Jan. 8–March 19, 2003
 Meets: Wednesdays, 4:30–5:30 P.M.
 Fee: \$5.00/Session

Youth Art Ages 5-9
 Session I: Sept. 20–Dec. 6, 2002
 Session II: Jan. 3–Mar. 21, 2003
 Meets: Fridays, 3:30 P.M.–4:30 P.M.
 Fee: \$5.00/Session

Jr. Art Ages 10-17
 Session I: Sept. 20–Dec. 6, 2002
 Session II: Jan. 3–March 21, 2003
 Meets: Fridays, 4:30 P.M.–5:30 P.M.
 Fee: \$5.00/session

Youth Arts & Crafts Grades K-2
 Session I: Sept. 19–Dec. 5, 2002
 Session II: Jan. 2–March 20, 2003
 Meets: Thursdays, 3:15 P.M.–4:00 P.M.
 Fee: \$5.00/session

Jr. Arts & Crafts Grades 3-5
 Session I: Sept. 19–Dec. 5, 2002
 Session II: Jan. 2–March 20, 2003
 Meets: Thursdays, 4:15 P.M.–5:15 P.M.
 Fee: \$5.00/session

Youth Drawing & Painting Ages 9-12
 Session I: Sept. 17–Dec. 3, 2002
 Session II: Jan. 7–March 18, 2003
 Meets: Tuesdays, 3:15 P.M.–4:15 P.M.
 Fee: \$5.00/Session

Teen Drawing & Painting Ages 13-16
 Session I: Sept. 18–Dec. 3, 2002
 Session II: Jan. 7–March 18, 2003
 Meets: Tuesdays, 4:30 P.M.–5:30 P.M.
 Fee: \$5.00/session

2-D Design Ages 9-12
 Session I: Sept. 16–Dec. 2, 2002
 Meets: Mondays, 4:00 P.M.–5:00 P.M.
 Fee: \$5.00/session

Boys' Basketball Grades 4-5
 Begins: January, 2003 Ends: March
 Site: Elementary Schools–sign-up at site

Girls' Basketball Grades 4-5
 Begins: January, 2003 Ends: March
 Site: Elementary Schools–sign-up at site

Youth Rec. Basketball Grds. 3-8
 Begins: Sept. 17, 2002 Ends: June 5
 Meets: Tues. & Thurs., 3:00–5:00 P.M.
 (Sign-up First Day)

Youth Rec. Basketball Grds. 9-12
 Begins: Sept. 16, 2002 Ends: June 4
 Meets: Mon. & Wed., 3:00–5:00 P.M.
 (Sign-up First Day)

Bowling Ages 5-14
 Session I: Sept. 19–Dec. 12, 2002
 Session II: Jan. 2–March 20, 2003
 Meets: Thursdays, 3:30 P.M.
 Site: Linden Lanes
 Fee: 6.00 Per Week

Baton Twirling Grades K-8
 Beg.: Tues., Jan. 7–Madison Sch.
 Wed., Jan. 8, 2003–Roosevelt School
 Thurs., Jan. 9, 2003–Franklin School
 Fri., Jan. 10, 2003–Recreation Center
 Ends: April, 2003

Debutante Twirling Teams
 (Must Be Able To Do Proper One Spin
 Thumb Toss)
 Begins: Sept. 20, 2002 Ends: May 30
 Meets: Fridays, 5:30 P.M.–8:30 P.M.
 (Sign-up At Site)

Junior Indoor Soccer Grades 3-5
 Begins: Jan. 3, 2003 Ends: March 21
 Meets: Fridays–3:00 P.M.–4:00 P.M.

Senior Indoor Soccer Grades 6-8
 Begins: Jan. 3, 2003, Ends: March 21
 Meets: Fridays 4:00–5:00 P.M.

African Dance Grades 3-8
 Session I: Sept. 19–Dec. 5, 2002
 Session II: Jan. 9–March 20, 2003
 Meets: Thursdays, 5:15–6:15 P.M.

Holiday Craft Night Ages 6-12
 Meets: Friday, Oct. 11, & Friday, Dec.
 13, 2002
 Time: 7:00 P.M.–8:00 P.M.
 Desc: Special Holiday Craft
 Fee: \$5.00/class

Beginner/Novice Karate Ages 11-16
 Session I: Sept. 16–dec. 9, 2002
 Session II: Jan. 6–March 17, 2003
 Meets: Mon. 3:15 P.M.–4:15 P.M.

Beginner/Novice Karate Ages 6-10
 Session I: Sept. 16–Dec. 9, 2002
 Session II: Jan. 6–March 17, 2003
 Meets: Mon. 4:30 P.M.–5:30 P.M.

Jr. Jazz Dancing Ages 6-8
 Begins: Oct. 14, 2002
 Ends: May 5, 2003
 Meets: Mondays, 3:15 P.M.–4:15 P.M.
 Site: Roosevelt School

Sr. Jazz Dancing Ages 9-12
 Begins: Oct. 18, 2002
 Ends: May 9, 2003
 Meets: Fridays, 3:15 P.M.–4:15 P.M.
 Site: Roosevelt School

Wrestling Ages 6-14
 Begins: November 25, 2002
 Ends: March, 2003
 Site: Rahway H.S.–sign-up First Night

NJ Devils Street Hockey
 Ages 7-13
 Begins: Sept. 16, 2002
 Ends: Dec. 2, 2002
 Meets: Mondays, 6:00 P.M.–8:00 P.M.
 Site: Recreation Center

Adult Programs

Ceramics-Daytime
 Must supply own greenware and specialty paints.
 Session I: Sept. 18–Dec. 4, 2002
 Session II: Jan. 8–March 19, 2003
 Meets: Wednesdays, 10:00 A.M.–noon
 Fee: \$5.00/Session

Ceramics-Evening
 Must supply own greenware and specialty paints.
 Session I: Sept. 18–Dec. 4, 2002
 Session II: Jan. 8–March 19, 2003
 Meets: Wednesdays, 7:00 P.M.–9:00 P.M.
 Fee: \$1.25/Class

Oil Art
 Must provide own supplies.
 Session I: Sept. 19–Dec. 5, 2002
 Session II: Jan. 2–March 20, 2003
 Meets: Thursdays, 7:15 P.M.–9:00 P.M.
 Fee: \$5.00 Per Class

Arts & Crafts
 Session I: Sept. 19–Dec. 5, 2002
 Session II: Jan. 2–March 20, 2003
 Meets: Thursdays, 6:00 P.M.–7:00 P.M.
 Fee: \$5.00/session

Habla Ingles
 Session I: Sept. 19–Dec. 5, 2002
 Session II: Jan. 2–March 20, 2003
 Meets: Thursdays, 6:00 P.M.–7:00 P.M.
 Fee: \$10.00/session

Spanish
 Session I: Sept. 19–Dec. 5, 2002
 Session II: Jan. 2–March 20, 2003
 Meets: Thursdays, 7:15 P.M.–8:15 P.M.
 Fee: \$10.00/session

Aerobics Beginners–(Daytime)
 Session I: Sept. 17–Dec. 3, 2002
 Session II: Jan. 7–March 18, 2003
 Meets: Tuesdays, 9:30 A.M.–10:15 A.M.
 Fee: \$5.00/Session

Aerobics Intermediate–(Daytime)
 Session I: Sept. 17–Dec. 3, 2002
 Session II: Jan. 2–March 20, 2003
 Meets: Thursdays, 9:15 A.M.–10:00 A.M.
 Fee: \$5.00/session

Senior Aerobics –(Daytime)
 Session I: Sept. 19–Dec. 5, 2002
 Session II: Jan. 2–March 20, 2003
 Meets: Thurs., 10:15 A.M.–11:00 A.M.

Stability Ball/Body Bar Workout
 Session I: Sept. 19–Dec. 5, 2002
 Session II: Jan. 2–March 20, 2003
 Meets: Thursdays, 6:30 P.M.–7:30 P.M.
 Fee: \$5.00/session

Kickboxing/Integrat Training
 Session I: Sept. 17–Dec. 3, 2002
 Session II: Jan. 9–March 18, 2003
 Meets: Tuesdays, 7:00 P.M.–8:00 P.M.
 Fee: \$5.00/session

Cross-Stitch
 Session I: Sept. 16–Dec. 2, 2002
 Session II: Jan. 6–March 17, 2003
 Meets: Mondays, 6:00 P.M.–7:00 P.M.
 Fee: \$5.00/session–Senior Center

Quilting
 Session I: Sept. 16–Dec. 2, 2002
 Session II: Jan. 6–March 17, 2003
 Meets: Mondays, 7:00 P.M.–8:00 P.M.
 Fee: \$5.00/Session–Senior Center

Beginner Country Line-Dancing
 Session I: Sept. 19–Dec. 5, 2002
 Session II: Jan. 8–March 19, 2003
 Meets: Thursdays, 6:00 P.M.–7:00 P.M.
 Fee: \$5.00/Session–Senior Center

Advanced Country Line-Dancing

Session I: Sept. 19–Dec. 5, 2002
 Session II: Jan. 2–March 20, 2003
 Meets: Thursdays, 7:00 P.M.–8:00 P.M.
 Fee: \$5.00/Session–Senior Center

Yoga–(Daytime)
 Session I: Sept. 16–Dec. 2, 2002
 Session II: Jan. 6–March 17, 2003
 Meets: Mondays, 9:30 A.M.–11:00 A.M.
 Fee: \$5.00/session

Plyopack/Boot Camp
 Session I: October 23–Dec. 4, 2002
 Meets: Wednesdays, 6:30 P.M.–7:30 P.M.
 Fee: \$5.00

Yoga–(Daytime)
 Session I: Sept. 17–Dec. 3, 2002
 Session II: Jan. 7–March 18, 2003
 Meets: Tuesdays, 9:30 A.M.–11:00 A.M.
 Fee: \$5.00/session

Yoga–(Evening)
 Session I: Sept. 20–Dec. 6, 2002
 Session II: Jan. 3–March 21, 2003
 Meets: Fridays, 7:15 P.M.–8:30 P.M.
 Fee: \$5.00/session

Adult Open Basketball
 Session I: Sept. 16–Dec. 2, 2002
 Session II: Jan. 6–March 17, 2003
 Meets: Mondays, 8:00 P.M.–9:45 P.M.

Walking Club
 Session I: Sept. 16–Dec. 2, 2002
 Session II: Jan. 6–March 17, 2003
 Meets: Mondays–Fridays
 Time: 7:30 A.M.–9:00 A.M.

Tai Chi–(Beginner)
 Session I: Sept. 18–Dec. 6, 2002
 Session II: Jan. 8–March 21, 2003
 Meets: Wed., 9:45 A.M.–10:45 A.M.
 Fee: \$5.00/session

Women's Volleyball
 Session I: September 17, 2002
 Ends: May 14, 2003
 Meets: Tues., 6:30, 7:15, & 8:00 P.M.
 Info: 669-3602

Tae Kwon Do–(Beginner)

Youth & Adult
 Session I: Sept. 17–Dec. 3, 2002
 Session II: Jan. 7–March 18, 2003
 Meets: Tuesday, 5:30 P.M.–6:45 P.M.
 Fee: \$5 Per Session

Cycle Class
 Session I: Sept. 5–Oct. 24, 2002
 Meets: Mondays–6:00 P.M.–6:45 P.M.
 & Thursdays–7:15 P.M.–8:00 P.M.
 Max: 10/class
 Site: Rahway YMCA, 1564 Irving St.
 Fee: \$20.00

Adult Tennis
 Session I: Sept. 16–Dec. 6, 2002
 Session II: Jan. 6–March 21, 2003
 Meets: Mon. & Fri., 10:15–11:30 A.M.
 Fee: Free

Adult Self Defense
 Session I: Sept. 18–Dec. 4, 2002
 Session II: Jan. 8–March 19, 2003
 Meets: Wed., 6:30 P.M.–7:30 P.M.
 Fee: \$5.00/session

**Garbage/Bulky/
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 Collection Info**
Thursday Nov. 28
-Thanksgiving Day
**No garbage or yard
 waste collection-**
**Next garbage or yard
 waste collection-Dec. 2**

UNION COUNTY ARTS CENTER 2002-2003 SEASON

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The 2002-2003 season will be the biggest and most talent-laden ever for the Union County Arts Center! Buy your tickets early to ensure that you get your choice of the best seats in the house. Make sure to check out the box office or website to see the great deals on multi-show purchases and special group rates.



This season will be highlighted by such legendary performers as song stylist Nancy Wilson (left), who treats us to an evening of her favorite hits, including *Guess Who I Saw Today*, *When Did You Leave Heaven*, and *You're As Right As Rain*. Miss Wilson performs with the all-female hard-swinging big band, Diva. Diva grooves in the tradition of Buddy Rich, Count Basie and Woody Herman.

Linda Eder (right) will also be a highlight of the season. In the tradition of great female Broadway artists such as Judy Garland and Barbara Streisand, Linda Eder, star of Broadway's smash hit *Jekyll & Hyde*, dazzles audiences.

To kick off the Arts Center's 2002-2003 season, Linda Eder will delight you with her one-woman concert of contemporary favorites and classics from the American Songbook.



Union County Arts Center 2002-2003 Season at a Glance

Saturday	9/27/02	8 P.M.	Will Downing.....	\$45, \$45, \$35
Saturday	10/5/02	8 P.M.	WSO: To Russia with Love	\$60, \$40, \$35, \$30, \$25
Saturday	10/12/02	8 P.M.	Linda Eder	\$50, \$45, \$30
Sunday	10/13/02	3 P.M.	Amelia Bedelia & Other Stories	All tickets \$10
Sunday	10/20/02	3 P.M.	The Glenn Miller Orchestra	\$18, \$15, \$12
Saturday	10/26/02	3 & 8 P.M.	Late Night Catechism	\$32, \$27, \$22
Friday	11/1/02	8 P.M.	Same Time Next Year	\$32, \$27, \$20
Saturday	11/2/02	8 P.M.	Dracula	\$25, \$20, \$15
Saturday	11/9/02	8 P.M.	Neil Sedaka	\$50, \$45, \$30
Sunday	11/10/02	3 P.M.	Shangri La Chinese Acrobats.....	\$22, \$17, \$12
Sunday	11/24/02	1 & 3 P.M.	Sleeping Beauty.....	All tickets \$10
Thursday	12/5/02	8 P.M.	Gaelic Storm	\$40, \$30, \$25
Saturday	12/7/02	8 P.M.	John Pizzarelli	\$65, \$55, \$35
Sunday	12/8/02	3 P.M.	Lazer Vaudeville.....	\$16, \$16, \$12
Friday	12/13/02	8 P.M.	Get Back: Cast of Beatlemania.....	\$28, \$25, \$18
Saturday	12/14/02	8 P.M.	Orchestra of St. Peter By-The-Sea	\$27, \$22, \$17
Sunday	12/15/02	5 P.M.	Morning Star Community Tabernacle Concert Choir..	All Tickets \$12
Sunday	1/12/03	3 P.M.	Martin Luther King – Musical Tribute	All tickets \$10
Saturday	1/18/03	8 P.M.	Doo Wop: Drifters, Orlons & Earls	\$28, \$25, \$20
Sunday	1/19/03	3 P.M.	Dinosaurs!	All tickets \$10
Friday	1/24/03	8 P.M.	Jammin' with Pops.....	\$25, \$20, \$15
Sunday	2/2/03	1 P.M.	Sarah Plain & Tall	All tickets \$10
Friday	2/7/03	8 P.M.	Bobby Vinton	\$60, \$50, \$30
Sunday	2/9/03	3 P.M.	Russian American Kids Circus.....	\$18, \$18, \$15
Thursday	2/13/03	8 P.M.	Carrot Top	\$33, \$28, \$25
Friday	2/21/03	8 P.M.	Doo Wop: Platters, Classics, Demension	\$28, \$25, \$20
Friday	2/28/03	8 P.M.	Nancy Wilson/Diva	\$45, \$35, \$27
Saturday	3/8/03	3 P.M.	The Spencers: Theatre of Illusion	\$20, \$18, \$15
Sunday	3/9/03	1 & 3 P.M.	Cinderella (English/Bilingual)	All tickets \$10
Saturday	3/15/03	8 P.M.	The Irish Rovers	\$30, \$27, \$22
Friday	3/21/03	8 P.M.	Women in Folk	\$25, \$22, \$18
Saturday	3/22/03	8 P.M.	WSO: The Gypsy Spirit	\$60, \$40, \$35, \$30, \$25
Sunday	3/23/03	3 P.M.	Harriet Tubman.....	All tickets \$10
Saturday	3/29/03	8 P.M.	Habana Sax	\$27, \$22, \$17
Sunday	3/30/03	7 P.M.	On Golden Pond with Jack Klugman	\$32, \$27, \$20
Sunday	4/6/03	3 P.M.	Just So Stories.....	All tickets \$10
Friday	4/11/03	8 P.M.	Paul Anka.....	\$65, \$55, \$30
Saturday	4/12/03	3 & 8 P.M.	Male Intellect: An Oxymoron.....	\$32, \$27, \$22

For more information or to order tickets, call Ticket Central at 732-499-8226 or visit our website:

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Sarah Partridge will appear on Friday, November 15, 2002 8 P.M. at the Arts Guild of Rahway. Only a few years after waving goodbye to her acting career in order to focus on her music, Sarah Partridge is beyond busy. She has entertained audiences at New York's Tavern on the Green, The Firebird Café and The Jazz Standard. She has been a staple at Mabel Mercer Cabaret Conventions for the last few years and held annually at Town Hall, New York City. Sarah has also received wide acclaim for her salute to the music of Sarah Vaughn, aptly called "Sarah Sings Sarah." She is also preparing a salute to the late ballads and blues master Joe Williams, which will play at The Manor in New Jersey.

The Arts Guild of Rahway 5th Season Art Exhibits

The Arts Guild's fifth season runs from September 2002 to mid-June 2003 during which time it will present eight month-long exhibits. With the exception of a yearly exhibit for local high school art majors, all visual arts presentations feature works by professional New Jersey artists, both established and emerging. To be considered for an exhibit, contact Executive Director Lawrence Cappiello at 381-7511 or lcappiello@earthlink.net.

Following are the first four exhibits of the season:

September 11 – October 4

9/11: The Artists Respond

9/11: *THE ARTISTS RESPOND* was a search for artworks about the actual events of 9/11/01, the aftermath and the national recovery. This exhibit is intended to offer points for remembrance and reflection, and just possibly a glimmer of what we as a people, as Americans, must face in order to move forward with our lives. Reception: Sunday, September 15 1-4 P.M. FREE.

October 13 – November 8

Celebrating Excellence: The Merck 2002 Juried Union County Art Show

This will be the third year in a row that this juried art show for Union County artists will be presented by the Arts Guild of Rahway in partnership with the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs and funded by Merck & Co., Inc. The artworks will be selected this year by Valerie Larko, artist and Director of the Thomas Old Gallery at Union County College; Michael Metzger, Professor of Art and Vice Chairman, Art Department, Kean University; and Laura Galvanek, Coordinator of Exhibitions, Morris Museum, Morristown. Curator of the exhibit is Berkeley Heights artist Jim Feuss.

The exhibit will feature nearly forty artworks by twenty-five or more Union County artists in a variety of mediums and styles. Opening Reception: Sunday, October 13 1-4 P.M. FREE.

November 17 – December 13

The Art Centre of New Jersey I: Figure Painting

This is the first of two consecutive exhibits at the Arts Guild featuring works by members of The Art Centre of New Jersey. This exhibit focuses on figure paintings by Cynthia Bowles, Pam Gosner, Ken Hamilton, Linda Kolar and Tim Maher.

One of the oldest art organizations in New Jersey, The Art Centre of New Jersey, located in River Hill Art Park in Livingston is mainly engaged in presenting member exhibitions at various corporate and civic sites, and in offering "open studios" in which artists work from live models without instruction. Members are mainly interested in improving their skills through this practice and learn much from their interaction with other artists. There will be a reception on Sunday, Nov. 17 1-4 P.M. Free Admission

The Arts Guild of Rahway Art Classes Fall 2002

LIFE DRAWING

Tues. Eves. Sept. 24–Nov. 19
(9 Sessions), 7:00–9:30 P.M.
No instructor.
Draw from live models each week.
\$8 per session, \$67 for all 9 weeks in advance.
Artists responsible for drawing materials.

POTTERY (DAYS)

Wednesdays. Sept. 25–Nov. 13, 1-3 P.M.
For all levels.
Maximum class size: 10.
Instructor: Peri Toland.
FREE FOR RAHWAY SENIORS.
Members: \$105; Non-Members: \$120.
\$20 glazing and firing fee.

POTTERY FOR KIDS

Wednesdays. Sept. 25–Nov. 13
3:30–4:30 P.M.
Open to 4th and 5th graders.
Maximum class size: 10.
Instructor: Peri Toland.
Members: \$70; Non-Members: \$80.
All materials included.

BEGINNING STAINED GLASS

Thurs. Eves. Sept. 26–Nov. 14
7:30–9:00 P.M.
Instructor: Dan Savard.
Maximum class size: 9.
Members: \$75; Non-Members: \$85.
Students are responsible for tools and materials. List available at first class.

INTERMEDIATE STAINED GLASS

Thurs. Sept. 26–Nov. 14
7:30–9:00 P.M.
Instructor: Dan Savard.
Maximum class size: 9.
Members: \$85; Non-Members: \$95
Students are responsible for tools and materials. List available at first class.

WATERCOLOR

Wednesdays Sept. 25–Nov. 13
7:30–9:30 P.M.
All levels.
Maximum class size: 10.
Instructor: Kevin Garvey.
Members: \$115; Non-Members: \$125.
Students are responsible for materials. List available at registration.

DRAWING

Wednesdays. Sept. 25–Nov. 13
7:30–9:30 P.M.
Beginning/Intermediate
An ideal beginner/intermediate intro to drawing. Learn to simplify objects into basic geometric forms. Class covers contour drawing, understanding negative space, focus on form, volume, light and shadow.
Maximum class size: 12.
Instructor: Angelito David
Members: \$115; Non-Members: \$125
Students are responsible for materials. List available at registration.

WORKSHOPS:

1. Saturday, October 19
10:00 A.M.–4:00 P.M.
Monoprinting with Found Objects
Instructor: Rayna Gillman
Create your own wrapping paper, make a print to frame or customize clothing into wearable art! Using easy block cutting, stamping, rubbing techniques and everyday objects, you will create your own unique artwork on paper or fabric in this one-day workshop. All levels.
Maximum Class Size: 10
Minimum: 5
Workshop Fee: \$65; Materials Fee: \$10
Students responsible for some additional materials. List at registration.
2. Saturday, November 2
12 noon–4:00 p.m.
Drawing with Colored Pencils
Instructor: Kat Block
Working from still life, students will learn to draw with colored pencils, blend and layer colors, develop a value scale of tonal variations and identify undertones. Particular attention to compositional elements of movement, design and balance.
Maximum Class Size: 10
Minimum: 5
Workshop Fee: \$45
Students responsible for materials/supplies. List available at registration.

January 12, 2003 – February 7, 2003

The Art Centre of New Jersey II: Still Life and Landscapes

This second exhibit with members of The Art Centre of New Jersey deals with landscape and still life. Featured artists are Elaine Denton, Pat Flaherty, Nissan Gallant, Donna Grande, Roz Hollander, John Less, Nat Lewis, Ann Taylor and Louise Woodcox.

Opening Reception: Sunday, Jan. 12 1-4 P.M. Free Admission
Gallery Hours: Wed., Fri., Sat.: 1-4 P.M.; Thurs.: 1-3 & 5-7 P.M.; or for large group and classes by appointment.



Friday, October 11, 2002 at 8 P.M. features *Silk City* at the Arts Guild of Rahway. This trio does it all! Bluegrass, Jazz, Pop, Rock & Roll, Standards – even a hilarious, upbeat medley from the *Wizard of Oz*! Barry Mitterhoff on mandolin also weaves a line of banter and jokes through their performances. Joining him are Dan Weiss on acoustic guitar, who lends his profound but sensitive vocals, and Larry Cohen on electric bass.