

The Rahway Review

fall 2004
Volume XIII, Issue 1

Published by the Office of the Mayor of the City of Rahway



Hometown Holiday Festival!

Nov. 26-28

The Rahway Hometown Holiday Festival and the third annual "Rahway Festival of Trees and Wreaths" is planned for the Rahway Recreation Center on Friday November 26, 5 P.M. to 10 P.M., Saturday November 27, 10 A.M. to 7 P.M., and Sunday November 28 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. All three days will also feature over 70 holiday craft and gift vendors along with brunch and photos with Santa on Saturday and Sunday.

Visitors will be able to view a forest of beautifully lighted and decorated trees that will be voted on for various categories. These spectacular creations by city groups, organizations, businesses and individuals will also be put on silent auction and winners will be able to take these works of art home to enjoy for decades. A special private preview of the festival will take place on Friday November 19 during the second annual Taste, which this year will be a "Rahway Taste of the Towns."



Taste of the Towns November 19

Rahway's 'Taste of the Towns' will take place on Friday, November 19 at the Rahway Recreation Center. This year there will be over two dozen eateries from the surrounding towns joining our own great Rahway eateries in a fabulous holiday feast! Adding to the festivities this year will be an extensive wine tasting sponsored by Witty's Wines & Liquors, along with live entertainment sponsored by Quick Chek and the Arts Guild of Rahway. Holiday music will be provided by the bell choir of the First Presbyterian Church of Red Bank.

The price of admission for gourmet food ranging from fish to pasta, exotic dishes to home cooking, French pastries to designer ice cream, fine wine and beverages, live entertainment and a private preview of the Festival of Trees and Wreaths is only \$30 per person. So call for tickets and reservations and bring your friends and appetite to the social event of the Holiday season!

For information and tickets please call the Rahway Center Partnership at (732) 396-3545.



Don't Miss Annual Tree Lighting Friday, November 26 7 P.M. at City Hall

Join us for a Rahway holiday tradition, followed by photos with Santa in the Union County Arts Center immediately following the tree lighting!



What's Inside

- Mayor's Message 2
- Free Wireless 'Hotspot' in New Library 2
- 'Around Town' 3
- Merck Hosts Expo 3
- Schools News 4
- New Library Fully Operational 5
- Rahway Center Partnership Downtown Update .. 6-7
- Municipal Directory ... 8
- Flood Safety Guide 8
- Senior Stuff 9
- YMCA Expansion 9
- Arts Guild and Arts Center 10-11
- Sponsors' Page 12

The Rahway Review
City of Rahway
City Hall Plaza
Rahway, NJ 07065

PRESORTED
STANDARD
US POSTAGE PAID
RAHWAY, NJ
PERMIT NO. 105

POSTAL PATRON

The Rahway Review

The Rahway Review is published by the Office of the Mayor of the City of Rahway. Its purpose is to keep the citizens informed of important programs and events that the administration has developed in efforts to improve the quality of life in Rahway.

Eleven thousand newsletters are printed and mailed to every postal patron in the City of Rahway. The balance is distributed by request to individuals and companies interested in living or doing business in Rahway.

Although great care has been taken to insure the information contained within is accurate, the City of Rahway assumes no liability for errors or omissions.

The Rahway Review welcomes the comments and concerns of its readers put into writing and sent to:

The Rahway Review

Office of the Administration
City of Rahway
City Hall Plaza
Rahway, NJ 07065
Tel: 827-2000
Fax: 574-0477

MAYOR

James J. Kennedy

ADMINISTRATOR

Robert A. Gorman

Council President

James C. Jones, At Large
1485 New Church Street
382-6499

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

Salvatore Mione, At Large
1434 New Church Street
574-1328

Nancy C. Saliga, At Large
1103 Milton Boulevard
574-3188

Robert Rachlin, Ward 1
2215 Allen Street
499-7389

Francis Janusz, Ward 2
604 W. Scott Avenue
396-3524

Jerry Scaturo, Ward 3
515 Albermarle Street
381-1924

David Brown, Ward 4
353 E. Stearns Street
388-6545

Deanna Tilton, Ward 5
1135 Jaques Avenue
381-5308

Elyse Bochicchio-Medved, Ward 6
627 Hazelwood Avenue
574-8830

Editor

Jeffrey J. Jotz

DESIGN & PRODUCTION

Aardvark Advertising
Tel: (732) 499-9026

Mr. B Offset Printing
Tel: (732) 396-3990

Photography, illustrations and articles appearing in The Rahway Review cannot be reproduced without written consent from the publisher.

Volume XIII, Issue 1

Mayor's

In September, I had the pleasure of speaking to hundreds of real estate developers and public planners at a conference at Rutgers University in New Brunswick on what Rahway is doing to realize the concept of a "transit village."

A transit village is a community that recognizes a transit hub like a train station is much more than a simple access point to board a train or bus. A successful transit village has the train station as its hub and the many elements of our city—its houses, businesses and nonprofit agencies like churches—as the spokes radiating outward from the center. Without the hub, the spokes would not move the wheel around. That is how we are positioning Rahway for the 21st century.

With much of New Jersey already "built out" and with the state actively discouraging suburban sprawl that threatens our environment, builders are once again concentrating on developed areas like Rahway. Our proximity to major highways, and, more importantly, our easy rail commute to Newark Airport, Manhattan and points across New Jersey have made Rahway a desirable location for private developers looking to invest their money in our community.

2004 has been a very busy year in this respect. On October 15, I had the pleasure of joining members of the City Council, Rahway Redevelopment Agency and Rahway Center Partnership to open the 136-unit River Place apartments along Lewis and Dock Streets downtown. These luxury units are located one block from the train station and are targeting young professionals who want a quick commute to Manhattan without the outrageous Manhattan rents. These new residents will have more disposable income to spend in Rahway and help our business community grow and prosper.

The parking deck—a solution that has been desired for almost 20 years—will open early next year and will double the city's parking capacity downtown. A burned-out house along Paterson Street and Routes 1 & 9 is being replaced with a new Best Western hotel that will open next summer. The Park Terrace and Rosegate senior housing complexes will be operational in early and mid-2005, respectively.

This private-sector development, however, would not have been made possible without significant public investment. Our new Recreation Center and Public Library, along with our rehabilitated parks, have all



shown private developers that Rahway means business. Our relatively stable property tax rate—one of the lowest in Union County—tells developers that Rahway is serious about keeping taxes under control while providing excellent services like public safety, solid

waste and recycling pickup, recreation, etc. The Rahway Redevelopment Agency, created by the City Council in 2001, acts to facilitate sustainable development in the downtown, along Routes 1 & 9 and in other areas in Rahway that meets the city's needs according to our Master Plan.

So as you can see, Rahway is just more than a busy train station that serves

almost 3,000 commuters each work day. We are a diverse community that is positioning itself to be redefined according to the demands of the Information Age. With all of the construction and grand openings going on in our town, we are well on our way to a brighter future.


MAYOR

"Our proximity to major highways, and, more importantly, our easy rail commute to Newark Airport, Manhattan and points across New Jersey have made Rahway a desirable location for private developers looking to invest their money in our community."

—Mayor James Kennedy

Free Wireless Hotspot Goes Online at New Library

Mayor James Kennedy recently announced that Rahway's first wireless "hotspot" for accessing the Internet is now available to the public at the new Public Library behind City Hall.

This hotspot allows computer users to access the World Wide Web with a laptop computer or PDA equipped with a wireless 802.11b or 802.11g network (also known as WiFi or Airport) card. There is no charge for access. The wireless network is firewalled from the existing library network to maintain security. Users

cannot access e-mail or other online services (FTP, VPN, telnet, etc.) with the wireless network. Use of a library computer terminal is required to print out Web sites or to access the library's automated card catalogue; these services cannot be conducted over the wireless network.

"You can just walk into the library, open up your laptop and begin surfing the Web," said Kennedy. "This is the first public wireless hotspot in Rahway and only one of a handful in Union County. Unlike

wireless networks found in many coffee shops and hotels, there is no charge to use our service."

"Our new library is much more than a repository of books," said Library Board President Willard Jacobs. "It is a gateway to information in a variety of forms. This wireless network was set up at the suggestion of Mayor Kennedy and has grown in popularity since it became available this month. Our library is a full-fledged onramp to the information superhighway."

Visit Rahway on the Internet!
www.cityofraahway.com



From left, Councilwoman Nancy Saliga, Mayor James Kennedy, developer Kishor Joshi, Councilman David Brown and developer Jay Patel break ground on the new Best Western Inn on Paterson Street.

Ground Broken for New Best Western Hotel

In September, Mayor James Kennedy was joined by Fourth Ward Councilman David Brown and Councilwoman At-Large Nancy Saliga to break ground on the new Riverview Best Western Inn & Suites on Paterson Street, just off of Routes 1 & 9.

The hotel is being developed by Shena, LLC, of Rahway and JCMS, Inc., of Mercerville will be constructing the 74-room suite geared towards business and leisure travelers. Located in the Routes 1 & 9 Redevelopment Area, the Best Western is replacing an old motel that had fallen into disrepair.

"Merck & Company's growth at its Rahway-Linden facility, along with the need for lodging around Newark Liberty International Airport has made Rahway a desirable location for developers," said Kennedy. "The Best Western will soon be joined by a full-service hotel next to the train station next year."

Merck Hosts Fire and Life Safety Expo

Area residents enjoyed a day of fun and learning at the 7th Annual Fire & Life Safety Expo, held on Sunday, October 10 at the Merck & Co., Inc. site in Rahway.

The community day, hosted by the Merck/Linden/Rahway Life Safety Partnership, is designed to teach families about fire safety in a fun-filled manner. "The Expo gave families and the community an opportunity to spend the day together and learn about fire prevention and safety," said Dean Manente, Merck's Assistant Fire Chief and Partnership Chairman for the event. "We had interactive displays and demonstrations to get the kids involved and also games, prizes and food," he added.

"There was literally something for everyone, from antique fire trucks to hands-on safety demonstrations. Visitors could see the Jaws-of-Life in action or participate in a mock fire brigade. They could also have their picture taken in a real firefighters' uniform," said Rahway Fire Official Bob Latherow.

"According to statistics, people are not always thinking about fire safety," said Merck Fire Chief Ron Kanterman. "It is our job to educate the public so they know what to do in an emergency, and the Expo gives us the opportunity to combine learning and fun," he said.

The Merck/Linden/Rahway Life Safety Partnership was formed over 10 years ago to protect life through fire prevention and education and is a joint venture between the fire departments from Linden, Rahway and Merck & Co., Inc. The Partnership supports National Fire Prevention Month through community projects. In addition to



Fire extinguisher 'races' were held at the annual Fire & Life Safety Expo at Merck & Co., Inc. on October 10 to teach families about fire safety.

the annual Fire & Life Safety Expo, the partnership has donated model fire trucks to the Rahway and Linden public libraries and distributed smoke detectors.

Look for the 8th Annual Fire & Life Safety Expo in September 2005.

Leaf Collection Hotline

(732) 827-2063

Call to learn when DPW crews will be collecting

leaves

in your neighborhood

Rahway to Get 'Greening' Trees

Mayor James Kennedy announced that the city will be partnering with Union County's "Greening Union County" grant program to plant 150 trees throughout the city this Fall. The county is providing \$15,000 from the Union County Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund and the city is matching that amount 100 percent. The \$30,000 total program includes the purchase and installation of the trees.

According to Third Ward Councilman Jerry Scaturro, street trees are in high demand in his ward and throughout Rahway.

"Homeowners are very passionate about their trees," said Scaturro. "This will satisfy the waiting list that presently exists for street trees in our neighborhoods."

First Ward Councilman Bob Rachlin agreed.

"It's estimated that each street tree adds some \$5,000 to the value of a home," he said. "This grant from Union County will triple the number of new trees planted in Rahway this year."

The trees to be planted include Amur Maackia (*Maackia amurensis*), Japanese zelkova (*Zelkova serrata*), Greenspire Littleleaf Linden (*Tilia cordata*) and Bonfire Sugar Maple (*Acer saccharum*).

"Street trees are essential to our property values, our quality of life and the health of our environment," said Councilman David Brown. "2004 will be the greenest year yet in Rahway."

New School Additions Open

This September the Early Childhood Addition at Roosevelt school opened for students and staff. This is the fourth and final addition to open that was part of the Rahway Public Schools' \$15.6 million dollar renovation/construction project in the elementary schools that began in 2001. New additions to Franklin, Grover Cleveland and Madison Schools opened during the 2002-03 school year. Eleven new classrooms have been added to Roosevelt School to house students in Pre-K and Kindergarten as well as special needs students in the early grades. A ribbon cutting ceremony is being planned for the near future.

Other construction projects still going on in the district include a heating rehabilitation project at Franklin School, an electrical upgrade at the Middle School, a roof replacement over the auditorium at the High School and an auditorium renovation at Grover Cleveland School. State grants totaling more than \$300,000 have helped fund these and other capital projects in our district.

Rahway High School Encourages Students in Teaching Careers

Nationwide, education officials are trying to negate the impact of a teacher shortage. Rahway High School is doing their part to stimulate youngsters to become educators and hopefully come back home one day to teach in the Rahway Public Schools.

Through a partnership with Kean University, high school classes have been organized to help recruit students for teaching careers. Students at the High School attend a daily class entitled Introduction to Education, where under the direction of Mrs. Marie Toto, an experienced and enthusiastic educator, students are beginning to learn the nuts and bolts of the craft of teaching. In the first level of the class, students begin to analyze their own personal skills and strengths as they relate to teaching. They begin to learn some of the realities of teaching and teacher preparation. Advanced students build upon their prior experiences and begin to study educational history, educational philosophy and current trends and methodologies.

This year, through a partnership with the New Jersey Junior Achievement Program, Introduction to Education students will be teaching a series of economic and life skill lessons to the students of Madison School.

The Introduction to Education class this year is also part of the CAMS (Consortium for the Achievement of Math and Science) partnership agreement with Merck and Co. with the express purpose of stimulating students to become math and Science teachers.

13th Annual Project Graduation Once again a Huge Success

The Rahway High School Class of 2004 celebrated its Project Graduation at The Club in Woodbridge in June. Project Graduation is a drug and alcohol-free night for all graduating seniors, supervised by adults, which lasts from 10 P.M. to 5:30 A.M. on graduation night. It was created to provide an alternative to the traditional post-graduation drinking parties. Far too often, the future of young adult lives and their special events have been marred by the tragedy of drinking and driving accidents. By hosting this all night celebration we can eliminate tragedies due to alcohol/drugs and give the students a memorable celebration on one of the most important days of their lives.

The graduates had a wide variety of activities including swimming, basketball, volleyball, an all night DJ for dancing, air brush t-shirts, photo keychains, velcro obstacle course, make your own music videos along with many games, contests and treasure hunts. They feasted on a wide selection of food and desserts end-

ing with a continental breakfast. There were prizes given out for the games and contests and gift certificates that were donated by local restaurants were raffled off at the end of the evening including a gift certificate to the Rahway YMCA.

The Rahway High School PTO and Project Graduation Com-

mittee worked hard all year fundraising for this event which costs upwards of \$20,000. The Project Graduation ad book that was handed out at graduation was a huge success thanks to all who took out ads as well as Bob Gregory and the Merck Focus Group. The Project Graduation Committee wants to thank everyone who participated in making this night happen, including all of the parent chaperones and faculty who stayed up all night!

The Committee is already in the process of planning for the 2005 Project Graduation. A site and entertainment have already been reserved. The first fundraiser,

pending will be the Big 50/50 with only 950 tickets being sold with a grand prize of approximately \$10,000.00!



Prekindergarten and kindergarten students enjoying their first day of school in the Rahway Public Schools.

By hosting this all night celebration we can eliminate tragedies due to alcohol/drugs and give the students a memorable celebration on one of the most important days of their lives.

New Library Goes Fully Operational

It's shaping up to be an exciting season at the Rahway Public Library. The much anticipated 32,000 sq. ft. library opened in March 2004 and it is well worth the wait. The beautifully designed building in the Municipal Complex commands a great riverfront location and is the cornerstone of future plans for development of waterfront recreation and parkland.

The new library is already a magnet for community groups and organizations drawn to its meeting spaces; from the café fireplace, to the terraces, glass-walled reading room, conference rooms, and convertible auditorium/small theater space. "It's an amazing facility as well as a remarkable library" said Gail Miller, the new library director, who arrived on July 26. "I am happy and proud to be here, part of a community that built a library that is one of the communities' 'great spaces'. For me, and I think for a lot of people, a library is a strong indicator of community well being."

Ken Dowzycki, Assistant Director, and the entire staff have been working hard all summer to prepare for a busy fall. "We've put more than 50,000 books on the shelves, and are now adding new DVD's and CD's," he said. The technology and resources available are impressive for any library. We hope that everyone will come in and get a library card and ask our staff to show you around and help you find what you need."

The library is now open six days a week: Monday 9 A.M.-8 P.M., Tuesday 9 A.M.-5 P.M., Wednesday 9 A.M.-8 P.M., Thursday 9 A.M.-8 P.M., Friday 9 A.M.-5 P.M., Saturday 9 A.M.-5 P.M. Fall programs include preschool storytime three days a week, special programs such as 'Healthy Cooking for Kids' (November 20) and others are just beginning. Most programs require registration, please call in advance. Computer instruction classes are planned, and book groups are forming. Carrie Marlowe and Linda Gauld-Elichko, senior librarians for adult and children's service invite you to come in and tell us what programs you'd like to see. For information, school visits, tours and meeting space, please call the Library at (732) 340-1551 or visit us on the web at www.rahwaylibrary.org.

Rahway Battles Asian Longhorned Beetles

In August, Mayor James Kennedy announced that the Asian longhorned beetle, an invasive insect that can cause massive damage to many species of trees, has been discovered along the city's eastern border with Woodbridge Township. As a precautionary measure, the New Jersey Department of Agriculture has instituted a quarantine zone that includes a sizeable portion of the first, fourth and fifth wards in the city as well as sections of Woodbridge, Carteret and Linden. **Effective immediately, firewood and scrap wood must not be transported outside of the quarantine zone.** Tree services in the area have been contacted by the NJDA and informed of the specific handling of wood products from any tree trimmed or cut down within the quarantine zone.

The quarantine zone in Rahway begins at the intersection of East Inman and Leesville Avenues; northwest along East Inman Avenue to New Brunswick Avenue; northeast along New Brunswick Avenue to Main Street; north along Main Street to Elizabeth Avenue; northeast along Elizabeth Avenue to the Rahway-Linden border; south along the Rahway-Linden border to the Rahway River; south along the Woodbridge-Rahway border to Randolph Avenue; west along Randolph Avenue following the Rahway-Woodbridge Border to East Inman and Leesville Avenues.

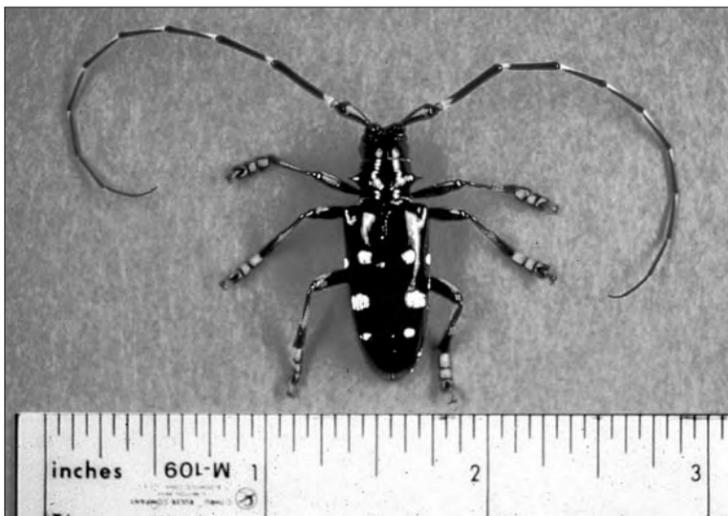
The beetle, native to China and North Korea, can wreak havoc on hardwood trees such as maples, chestnuts, birches and elms. The female bores into the bark to lay her eggs. Once hatched, the grub-like young burrow deeper into the tree until finally reaching the woody tissue. The beetles colonize the tree until it is killed from the inside out.

Asian longhorned beetles are about 1 to 1.5 inches long and have a shiny black exterior with white spots. Their name comes from their long antennae, which are banded black and white. The beetles typically attack one tree, and migrate to others when their populations become too dense.

Signs of Asian longhorned beetle infestation include:

- Large round holes anywhere on the tree, including branches, trunk and exposed roots;
- Oval or rounded, darkened wounds in the bark;
- Large piles of coarse sawdust around the base of trees or where branches meet the main stem.

Anyone suspecting the presence of this beetle should contact the NJDA at 1-866-BEETLE-1 or (609) 292-5440. For more information, visit



Talent Search 2005

Auditions

will be ongoing between November 2004 and January 2005 at the Recreation Center. Singers, dancers, rappers, musicians, twirlers and comedians are all welcome!

The next Rahway Talent Show will be on April 8, 2005 at Franklin School. You must register for auditions. Registration forms are available at the Recreation Center.

For more information, please call (732) 669-3604.

RWJUH Mammography Services Receive ACR Accreditation

Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital at Rahway (RWJUH Rahway) has been awarded a three-year term of accreditation in Mammographic Imaging Services as the result of a recent survey by the American College of Radiology (ACR).

RWJUH Rahway is currently undergoing a \$4 million renovation of its Radiology Department, which includes replacement or upgrade of all equipment and a newly designed space. In addition to the new Senographe DMR Plus by GE Medical Systems for Mammography services, new and upgraded equipment also includes MRI, CAT Scan, Nuclear Medicine, Dexa Scan (Bone Densitometry), and five new X-ray rooms.

The ACR, based in Reston, VA, awards accreditation to facilities for the achievement of high practice standards after a peer-review evaluation of its practice. Evaluations are conducted by board-certified physicians and medical physicists who are experts in the field. They assess the qualifications of the personnel and the adequacy of facility equipment. The surveyors report their findings to the ACR's Committee on Accreditation, which subsequently provides the practice with a comprehensive report.

The ACR is a national organization serving more than 32,000 diagnostic/interventional radiologists, radiation oncologists and medical physicists with programs for focusing on the practice of medical imaging, radiation oncology and the delivery of comprehensive health care services.

the APHIS Web site at www.aphis.usda.gov and click on Asian longhorned beetle under "Hot Issues" or visit the Rutgers Cooperative Extension web site at www.rce.rutgers.edu/presentations and click on Asian Long-Horned Beetle under "Plant Agriculture."

On August 19, NJDA representatives met with Fourth Ward Councilman Dave Brown and city officials to learn how to identify the beetle and what will be done about it.

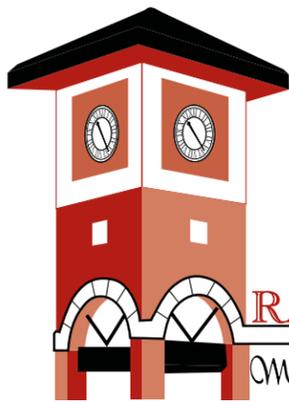
"In the coming weeks, NJDA inspectors will be visiting public and private property in Rahway to examine trees for the presence of the beetle," said Kennedy. "Left unchecked, the beetle has the potential to cause more damage than Dutch elm disease, chestnut blight and the gypsy moth combined."

Diane Leonard, a USDA tree-mapping specialist, said residents might notice small orange dots painted on trees that have been examined by tree-climbers. That dot simply indicates the tree has been inspected, and should not be seen as a sign of infestation or

that the tree will have to be removed.

"We're not yet sure how many trees will have to be removed from public and private property in Rahway," said Kennedy. "We have been informed that they will be removed by the state Department of Agriculture. The Department is also presently securing federal funds to replace any trees removed due to Asian longhorned beetle infestation."

More information on the Asian longhorned beetle has been posted on the city's Web site (www.cityofrahway.com) and on Comcast channel 34.



UPDATE

RAHWAY CENTER PARTNERSHIP

Making a Difference Downtown

Downtown Rahway On the Move! 'Be a Part of It'

Donald Anderson
Chairman, Rahway Center Partnership

Ray Mikell
Executive Director, Rahway Center Partnership

Farmers Market Was Bigger Than Ever

The return of the Jersey Fresh Farmers Market at the Rahway Train Station Plaza this season was a huge success. The market ran every Thursday from July through late October, noon to 6:00 PM. This year's market offered Jersey Fresh fruits and vegetables grown in New Jersey and picked the day before the market. Farmers representing the market this year were Schieferstein's Farm of Clark and DeWolf Farms of New Egypt. Addalieu's Florist of Linden and American Jubilee Desserts of Rahway provided fresh flowers and baked goods.

Look for the Jersey Fresh Farmers Market to return next summer!



In showing their continued support to Downtown Rahway, Regina Shaddad (right), Assistant Vice President of Commerce Bank, Rahway, and Cheryl Anne Cammann (center), Office Manager of the Rahway Center Partnership, purchase vegetables from DeWolf Farms of New Egypt at the weekly Farmers Market held on the Plaza at the Rahway Train Station. Commerce Bank is a major supporter of the Rahway Center Partnership.



John W. Alexander, Chairman/CEO of Liberty/Northfield Savings Bank presents RCP Executive Director Ray Mikell with a contribution check for \$5,000. Joining in the celebration are retired President of Liberty Bank and Board of Trustees Member of the RCP John Bowen (left) and RCP Chairman Donald Andersen.

Rahway Parking Deck on Track

In the next few weeks the number of parking spaces in downtown Rahway will increase dramatically to accommodate commuters and shoppers. That's because the Rahway Parking Authority completed erection of its 524-car precast garage on August 27 and is putting finishing touches on the project. The deck, located across from the \$15 million NJ Transit train station that opened in 1999, is expected to be completed and ready for use by the end of this year or in early January, 2005.

Work began in January, 2004 on the five-story deck, which is designed to offer parking for downtown merchants and customers as well as some of the 2,700 daily rail commuters who use the train station. The parking deck will double the number of parking spaces offered by the Parking Authority and will free up existing downtown parking lots for revenue-producing redevelopment. The deck is being built on a former 80-space metered and permit parking lot. The new deck will offer monthly and daily parking.

Construction is being funded through a \$6 million state-approved bond issue of the Parking Authority and a \$3 million grant from NJ Transit.

The deck was designed by Tim Haahs of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and built by Fitzpatrick and Associates of Eatontown, New Jersey.

"The goal of the parking deck is to create more parking spaces downtown while reducing our dependence on surface parking lots that are not conducive to transit-friendly land use," said Mayor James J. Kennedy. "Old tax-exempt asphalt parking lots will soon be home to new residential and commercial developments that will add new vitality to our downtown and provide some property tax relief for Rahway taxpayers."

"Due to the demands of our rail riders who use the Rahway train station, parking permits for downtown Rahway have traditionally been as hard to come by as Giants season tickets," said Parking Authority Chairman Gregory Hardoby. "This deck will more than double the number of permit parking spaces available to the public and is good news for commuters, merchants, residents and shoppers."

You Can Now Check Us Out On Our NEW Web Site!

Rahway Center Partnership
www.rcpnj.org

The Rahway Center Partnership Web site is sponsored & paid for by:

P.J. Screening & Embroidery, LLC
689 Jaques Avenue

Baby Parade Another Huge Success



The Rahway Train Station Plaza set the stage for the 4th Annual Baby Parade on Saturday, October 2. Children from 6 months to 5 years old participated and enjoyed a day of fun with family and friends. Above children circle the judging area during the baby contest.



Dipsey Dew the Stilt Walker entertains the children at the 4th Annual Baby Parade. Other characters included McGruff the crime dog, Sparky the fire dog, Elmo, Dora, Clifford and Sponge Bob.

Commemorative Rahway Holiday Ornament Offered

A bucolic 1950s scene of Christmas in downtown Rahway graces the first ever Rahway Holiday ornament depicting Irving Street and the Rahway theatre during the holidays circa 1950s. The illustration is from an oil painting by former Rahway resident Lloyd Garrison.

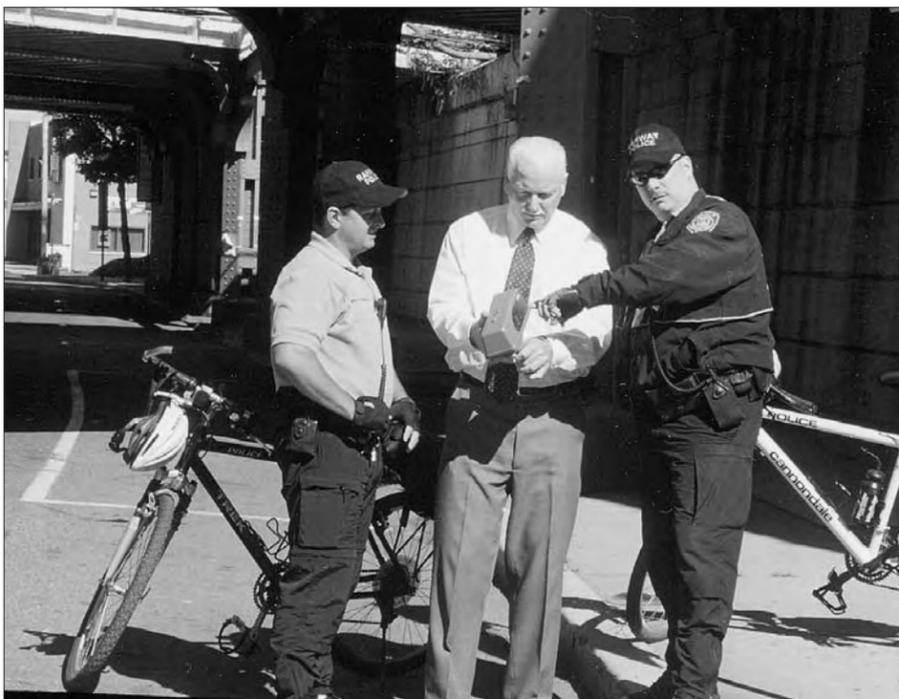
The ornament has the scene depicted on a beautiful deep royal red background, with seasons greetings from Rahway on the back and comes individually boxed. This limited edition is available through the Rahway Center partnership.

Individual unsigned ornaments are \$25 each.

Very limited quantities of individual ornaments that are hand signed by Lloyd Garrison are on sale for \$50.

To purchase an ornament, please call the RCP at (732) 396-3545.

New Radar System Aids Street Safety



Rahway Police Officers Bill Oplinger (left) and Bill Eicholz (right) of the Community Assistance Team (CAT) demonstrate their new Z35 radar gun to RCP Executive Director Ray Mikell while tracking radar on Irving Street. The new radar guns are manufactured by MPH Industries. The new radar guns are being utilized throughout the downtown and the City of Rahway.



River Place Luxury Apartments are open for business! New residents are moving in on a daily basis. River Place offers 136 one- and two-bedroom luxury apartments and over 115 new public parking spaces. Rents begin at \$1,325 for a one-bedroom unit. For more information, call (732) 669-1700. Pictured above is the entrance to the rental office on Lewis Street.

Rahway Center Partnership Board of Trustees

Chairman: Don Anderson

Vice Chairman: Matt Dobrowolski

Vice Chairman: Kevin O'Brien

Secretary: Robin Quinta

Treasurer: Jane C. Weaver

Board

Yenni Bado
Peter Barba
John R. Bowen
Deborah Bridges
Lawrence Cappiello
Courtney Clarke
Josh Donovan
Robert Gorman
Hilda Judah
John Marcantonio

James McCall
Elyse Bochicchio-Medved
Paul Mulligan
Mark Ragan
John Rodger
Nancy Saliga
Ray Smith
Chris Stubbs
Deana Tilton
James Walker

Executive Director

Ray Mikell

Office Manager

Cheryl Anne Cammann

Administrative Assistant

Lisa Marson

Maintenance Supervisor

Rick Flynn

Reginald Freeman

William Fox

William Roszits

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	827-2193
Comptroller/Finance	827-2022
Court.....	827-2039
Economic Development	827-2160
Engineering	827-2176
Fire (non emergency)	827-2155
Health Department	827-2085
Mayor	827-2009
Municipal Administrator	827-2001
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
Senior Center.....	827-2016
Tax Assessor	827-2030
Tax Collector	827-2050
Vital Statistics.....	827-2172
Water	877-303-2435

OTHER HELPFUL NUMBERS

Board of Education.....	396-1000
C.Y.R.C.....	827-2191
Hospital.....	381-4200
Library	340-1551
NJ Transit	800-772-2222
P.A.L.	669-3610
P.A.L. (Hot Line).....	827-2097
Parking Authority	381-8778
Post Office.....	388-3264
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

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

Be Smart, Be Safe When It Floods

The City of Rahway is a participant in a federally subsidized program that enables property owners to purchase flood insurance. The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), requires that the City adopt specific flood damage reduction education, planning and building criteria.

In an effort to inform residents and property owners of the presence of flood hazards in Rahway and to suggest possible actions that may be taken to protect persons and property, the following is provided:

Flood Insurance

Most homeowner insurance policies do not cover losses due to floods. However, since Rahway is a participant in the NFIP, it is possible for property owners to obtain federally backed flood insurance. This insurance is available to any owner of insurable property (a building or its contents) in Rahway. Tenants may also insure their personal property against flood loss. Also, flood insurance policy holders in Rahway benefit from premium discounts. This is due to the City's extensive efforts to obtain credits, through the Community Rating system (CRS), to maintain specific measures for flood damage reduction.

The City strongly urges you to buy flood insurance as needed to protect yourself from devastating losses due to flooding.

You can find out if your property is located in a special flood hazard area through the City's Department of Building, Engineering & Economic Development (732-827-2176).

Where Is the Local Flood Hazard?

The areas in and around the North and South Branches of the Rahway River, the Robinson's Branch of the Rahway River, the Orchard St. Brook, Maurice Avenue Brook, Milton Lake, Rahway Lake Park and certain other watercourses are subject to flooding. Floodplain maps, charts, reports and studies that document these areas are available for review in the Department of Engineering and also available for review at the Rahway Public Library.

Flood Protection Assistance

The City Engineer's office can provide technical assistance relating to flood elevations and data on historical flooding, and is available to advise owners of appropriate flood protection measures.

Flood Safety

If it has been determined that your property is in a special flood hazard area, there are several steps you can follow to alleviate problem situations, such as:

1. Keep children away from flood waters, ditches, culverts and storm drains.
2. Evacuate the flood hazard area in times of impending flood or when advised to do so by the police or fire department.
3. In your home, turn off flood prone electrical circuits and shut off the water and gas service valves.
4. Do not walk through flowing water. Currents can be deceptive; six-inches of moving water can sweep you off your feet.
5. Do not drive through a flooded area. More people drown in their cars than anywhere else. Don't drive around road barriers; the road or bridge may be washed out. If your car stalls in high water, abandon it immediately and seek higher ground.
6. During times of heavy rainfall monitor the level of water in the drainage way.

7. Plan escape routes to high ground.

8. Know the following flood warning system.

Flood Warning System

When the City of Rahway is expecting or experiencing inclement weather that may include heavy rain, residents in flood prone areas or low lying area are urged to plan preventative actions to protect life and property.

Residents are urged to monitor frequently

weather and flood conditions that are broadcast over local radio and television stations. Residents will be provided with flood watch and flood warning advisories. A flood watch advisory indicates that the potential for a flood exists in the watch area, while a flood warning indicates that a flood has been detected.

Comcast channel 34 covers the City and will issue timely updated information. This station is part of the Emergency Broadcast System (EBS) as are local television stations Channel 5 & 9. Radio station N.J.101.5 FM will also carry EBS messages.

In extreme situations, personnel of the Rahway Office of Emergency Management or Department of Public Safety will conduct "Route Altering" within flood prone areas to advise residents to move to higher ground prior to water levels reaching critical stages.

Property Protection Measures

There are various actions which can be taken to flood-proof structures. Depending upon the situation, location and availability of funds, the following measures can be used:

- a) Install a sump pump system to dispose of infiltrating water to grade outside of the structure;
- b) Move essential items and furniture to the upper floors of your home; *(continued on back cover)*

Most homeowner insurance policies do not cover losses due to floods. However, since Rahway is a participant in the NFIP, it is possible for property owners to obtain federally backed flood insurance.

Keep Our Streets Safe In The Snow

The Rahway Police Department reminds residents that if you reside on a street posted "No Parking When Road is Snow Covered," you are required to remove your vehicle from the street when it snows. The Police Department needs your cooperation so the streets can be plowed efficiently and they can be kept safe. If your vehicle is not removed during a snowfall, it will be subject to a summons and

Visit the

Rahway Police Department

online

www.rahwaypolice.com

impoundment. Please avoid this hassle and move your vehicle prior to an impending storm.

The Rahway Traffic Bureau

has a list of streets that fall under this ordinance. For more information, contact the Bureau at (732) 827-2075.

Senior Stuff

We need your talents!

The Rahway Division of Senior Services is seeking skilled instructors for senior programs. If your expertise included crafts, fitness, arts & leisure, and others, please let us know. Be creative! New ideas are always welcome. Send your resume and course synopsis to the Rahway Senior Center, 1306 Esterbrook Avenue.

Geriatric Nurse Specialist Available

Geriatric Nurse Specialist Kara Kaldawi, R.N., M.S.C. is available every Thursday at the Senior Center Annex, located at the corner of Esterbrook and West Milton Avenue, from 9:30 to 11:30 A.M. There is no cost for this program, which is sponsored by Rahway Hospital and the Rahway Department of Community Services.

Senior I.D. Cards Offered

Free photo I.D. cards are available to all Rahway seniors aged 62 and older. Call or stop by the Senior Center to schedule an appointment.

Notary Public at Senior Center

The Rahway Senior Center has a Notary Public of New Jersey on the premises. Any Rahway senior 62 years of age or older can use this free service. Call the Senior Center at (732) 827-2016 for more information.

Senior Citizen Bus Transportation

Transportation is available to all Rahway residents 62 years of age and older. Please call Tina at (732) 499-7930 between 8:00 A.M. and 12 noon to arrange transportation (shopping, doctor's appointments, etc.).

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

Senior Dining at Rahway Hospital

Meals are available from 4:30 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. seven days a week for seniors aged 60 and older. Meals cost an average of \$4. Registration is required. Registration forms are available at the Senior Center. The hospital's menu hotline is (732) 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 (732) 827-2016.

Upcoming Blood Pressure Screenings

Rahway Senior Center
Third Wednesday of the month
10:00 A.M.—12 noon
November 17 December 15

Rahway Recreation Center

First Tuesday of the month
3:00 P.M.—5:00 P.M.
November—NO SCREENING
December 7

Rahway Senior Clubs

Rahway Retired Men's Club
Meets every Monday at 1:00 P.M.
Pres. Paul Riekehof (732) 388-6523

Merck Retirees
Meets 1st Tue. of each month at 1 P.M.
Pres. Ed Kross (732) 381-3525

Ladies Golden Age Club
Meets every Wednesday at 12:15 P.M.
Pres. Bernice Valentine (732) 388-3981

Retired Railroaders (Group #2)
Meets 1st Sat. of the month at 11 A.M.
Pres. Conrad Kreisel (732) 634-1804

A.A.R.P. Chapter #607
Meets 2nd Thur. of the mo. at noon.
Pres. Ann Lukaszewski (732) 382-8960

Retired Carpenters and Millwrights
Meets 3rd Thurs. of the mo. 1—3 P.M.
Pres. Ron Russo (732) 388-6859

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

UC Minority Task Force on Aging
Meets 1st Friday of the mo. at 12 noon
Lillian Wilder (732) 381-7406



Mayor James Kennedy congratulates some of Rahway's recent Senior Citizens of the Year. From left, are Grace Wolf (1997), Marie Brown (2001), Carl Mintzer (2002), George Ryan (2003), Ed Schweinberg (1998), Anne McArdle (1999) and Helen McWhorter (2000).

Discount Prescription Card Available to Rahway Seniors

Applications are still being accepted for enrollment into Rahway's own Senior Preferred Prescription Card program offered by the Garden State Pharmacy Owners Providers Services (GSPOPS). The program allows Rahway residents over the age of 55 to obtain a discount of between 10 and 50 percent for the cost of prescription drugs. The program is also available to city residents who are receiving Social Security Disability benefits.

The GSPOPS savings card is accepted by most pharmacists throughout the nation. No mail-order forms are required. The annual membership fee for the program is only \$20. The service will be provided to Rahway seniors at no cost to the city. There are no income restrictions for membership in GSPOPS and no exclusions for pre-existing conditions. There are no limits on the quantities or refills and no deductibles are required to be met. All Federal Legend brand name and generic drugs are included.

Working residents who are already covered by their employer's prescription plan can still take advantage of the discounts offered by GSPOPS for prescription drugs not covered by their plan or in cases where generic medicine would cost more under their co-payment than it would if filled with GSPOPS.

Information brochures, which include a registration form, are available at the Senior Citizens Center, City Hall and other public buildings in Rahway. Information on the GSPOPS card is also posted on the city's web site, www.cityofrahway.com and Comcast Channel 34.

Information brochures, which include a registration form, are available at the Senior Citizens Center & City Hall

YMCA Slates Expansion

2004 and 2005 are going to be a time of change and improvement at the Rahway Branch. The YMCA of Eastern Union County, Rahway Branch is working to improve, so that they can serve the Rahway Community better.

Construction is already underway on a new parking lot. The parking lot will provide needed parking spaces for members and for permit parkers in Rahway. The parking lot will be well lit and fenced around. In addition, the YMCA will be leveling and seeding a large open area behind the Rahway Branch that will be fenced in. This area will provide a needed outdoor space for child care programs as well as a site for future youth sports activities.

Look for the YMCA's January Open House! A new line of Precore fitness equipment arrives at the YMCA in January. This includes new cardio equipment such as treadmills, stationary bikes and elliptical trainers. The new weight training circuit will provide user-friendly equipment that will help members of all levels of fitness reach their goals, as well as look and feel great. The Y's trained and helpful staff can set up a program for you, whether you are a beginner or fitness fanatic.

The Rahway Branch also offers tours of all their programs and fitness facilities. In addition to our new Fitness Center the pool has had extensive work done to improve the quality of the air and water. Child Care Programs are strong and serving families as well.

If you haven't visited in a while there is no better time to become a part of one of Rahway's best-kept secrets —The YMCA of Eastern Union County, Rahway Branch — Building strong kids, strong families and strong communities. Call (732) 388-0057 for more information.

**DON'T MISS
THE
CITY HALL
CHRISTMAS
TREE LIGHTING
Friday
November 26
7:00 P.M.**



DISTRICT

ARTS

UNION COUNTY ARTS CENTER

Upcoming Events

- November 6** Kathy Griffen
November 12 Cyrus Chestnut
November 13 An Evening with Groucho
November 20 Jersey Shore Reunion with John Eddie & Glen Burnik
November 28 Comedy & Pet Theatre
December 3 Bobby Vinton
December 4 Good News Comedy Tour
December 5 A Christmas Carol



Morning Star

- December 10** A Rahway Nutcracker
December 11 Orchestra of St. Peter by the Sea
December 12 Christmas with the Star III
January 15 Fly Dance
January 22 George Carlin
February 5 Alborada Spanish Dance Theatre
February 12 Your Arms Too Short to Box with God

Five **EASY** Ways to Purchase Tickets

Virtual Box Office

Purchase tickets online 24 hours, 7 days a week! Select your own seats and order from the convenience of your home or office!

Buy now and get first choice for the best seats in the house.

Online—Visit our Virtual Box Office at www.UCAC.org and purchase tickets 24 hours a day!

By Phone—Call Ticket Central at (732) 499-8226.

By Mail—Simply detach your completed order form and return it to Ticket Central at 1601 Irving Street, Rahway, NJ 07065.

By Fax—Fax your completed order form to (732) 499-8227.

In Person—Visit Union County Arts Center's box office located on the corner of Irving Street and Central Avenue in Rahway.

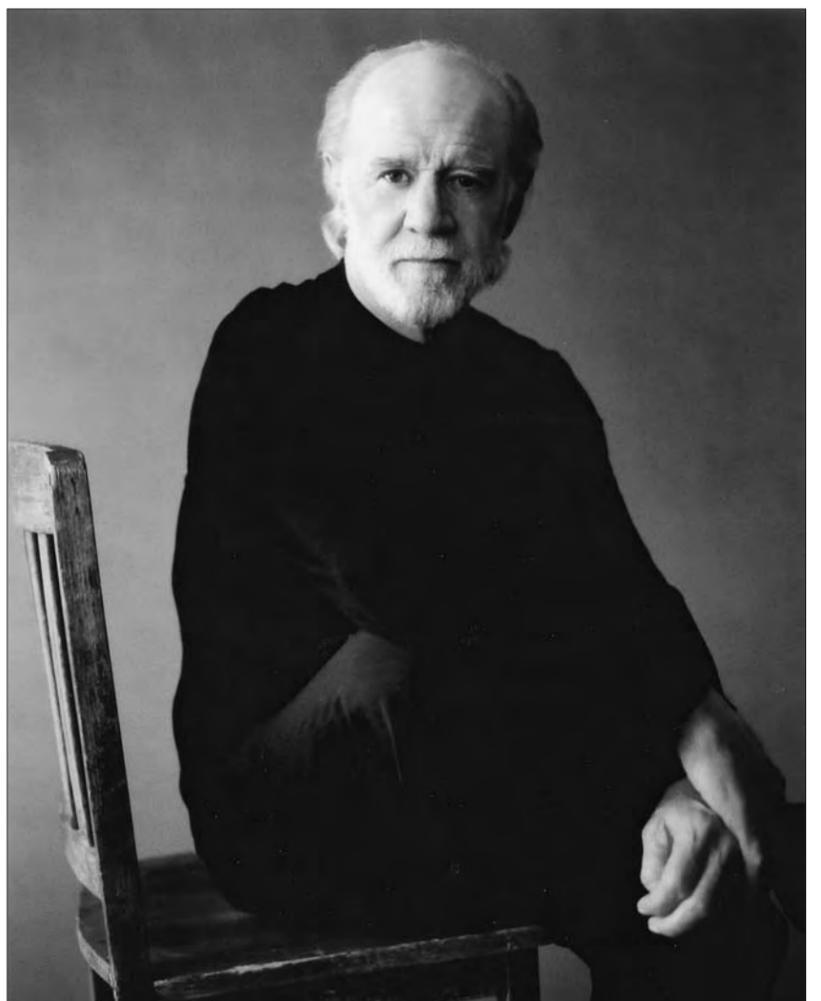
All Sales are Final! No refunds or exchanges. Anyone holding tickets to a performance that they are unable to attend may donate their tickets to the Arts Center as a tax-deductible contribution when returned more than 24 hours prior to the event.

Group Rates—Groups of 10 or more may be entitled to savings over ticket prices for selected events. Call the box office for details.

Accessibility—For those using wheelchairs or needing assistance, the theatre has barrier-free access to the orchestra seating area. Please inform the box office when purchasing tickets that you are in need of accessible seating.

E-mail Club—For advance notice of upcoming events, join our email club at www.UCAC.org.

Web site—The contents of this brochure along with other information about the Union County Arts Center are posted on our website at www.UCAC.org.



George Carlin

THEATRE

Upcoming Exhibits at The Arts Guild of Rahway

1670 Irving Street

ILLUSIONS: COLLUSIONS/COLLISIONS

November 17 - December 10, 2004

Curated by Patricia Cudd, Printmaker former Assistant Curator for Prints and Works on Paper, Zimmerli Museum, New Brunswick.

Reception: Sunday, November 21, 1-4 P.M.

Free admission

Featured Artists: Patricia Cudd, Anuradha Das, Erena Rae

STRANGE NEW WORLDS:

Contemporary Surrealist Painting

January 12 - February 4, 2005

Sunday, January 16, 1-4 P.M.

Free admission

Featured artists: Ellen Angelastro, Val Dyshlov, Philip Shimko, Lee Allen Wells.

WATERWORLD: Recent Photography & Video on the Subject and Nature of Water

February 13 - March 11, 2005

Reception: Sunday, February 13, 1-4 P.M.

Free admission

Featured Artists: John Daquino, Robert Parker, Brian Zanisnik

7 PHOTOGRAPHERS

Young & Underknown

March 18 - April 15, 2005

Curated by Dr. Alejandro Anreus, Professor, William Paterson University.

Reception: Friday, March 18, 7 - 9:30 P.M.

Free admission

Featured artists: Jennifer Baum, Ryan Brooks, Betty Kohmuench, Lukas Kwiatek, Geraldine Lozano, Angelica Munoz and Paola Rached.

The Assembled Image

April 20 - May 13, 2005

Reception: Friday, April 22, 7 - 9:30 P.M.

Free admission

Featured artists: Kristen Faughnan, Elizabeth Jacobs, Leslie Nobler-Farber, Joohyun Pyune and Jay Seldin.

GALLERY HOURS

Wednesday, Friday, Saturday: 1- 4 P.M.

Thursday: 1 - 3 & 5 - 7 P.M. or by appointment

Appointments are available for group visits and visits for class groups for which our staff will provide information/commentary on the current exhibit for students or interested visitors. Call (732) 381-7511 for changes in gallery hours or contact Executive Director Lawrence Cappiello for more information.

Email: artsguild1670@earthlink.net

Phone: (732) 381-7511



**ILLUSIONS:
COLLUSIONS/COLLISIONS**
November 17—December 10

**PATRICIA CUDD
ANURADHA DAS
ERENA RAE
PRINTS/MIXED MEDIA**

ARTS
GUILD

Visit Rahway Arts Online
Union County Arts Center The Rahway Arts Guild
www.ucac.org www.rahwayartsguild.org

(continued from page 8)

- c) Elevate electrical and mechanical equipment in the basement;
- d) Flood proof walls, windows and doors;
- e) Construct flood walls or closures;
- f) Elevate structures.

Floodplain Development Regulations

Please be advised that all development, including filling of land located in a special flood hazard area, is regulated differently from other areas. If you become aware of illegal filling or development in the flood plain, please contact the Department of Engineering in City Hall.

Drainage System Maintenance

In addition to regulating development and fill within the flood hazard area, the City of Rahway and State of New Jersey have regulations prohibiting dumping in channels, obstructing flows or any activity that would adversely effect the water-carrying capacity of any channel, floodway or floodplain. It has been demonstrated that regulating development and maintaining drainage systems can alleviate recurrent flooding which endangers life and damages property and facilities. Any activities that may be in violation of these regulations should be reported to the Department of Engineering.

Substantial Improvement Requirements

With respect to requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) relative to substantial improvement in the flood plain, please be advised that if the cost of reconstruction, rehabilitation, additions, or other improvement to a building or home equals or exceeds 50 percent of the building's market value, then the building must meet the same flood plain construction requirements as a new building. Substantially damaged buildings must also be brought up to the same standards.

This requirement means elevating the lowest floor, including basement and certain utility systems, one (1) foot above the base flood elevation, which is the 100-year flood elevation.



Don't Forget

**The Annual
Tree Lighting
Friday, November 26
City Hall**

The Rahway Review is provided by the City of Rahway and the generous support of these advertisers.

RAHWAY HOSPITAL
Is Now



ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON

UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

R A H W A Y

865 Stone Street, Rahway, NJ 07065
www.rwjahr.com
(732) 381-4200

Member, Robert Wood Johnson Health Network

DR'S CHOICE

...WHERE YOU HAVE A CHOICE OF QUALITY CARE

If You Are In PAIN We Can Help!

A Powerful Combination Of Medical, Chiropractic & Physical Therapy
Call now for a **COMPLIMENTARY CONSULTATION** to see for yourself!

732-388-4787

1082 St. Georges Avenue • RAHWAY (In Drug Fair Plaza)

Get a **FREE SUBSCRIPTION** to our electronic health magazine. To subscribe free go on-line to www.stgeorgeshealth.org

<p>Fauzia Hameed, M.D. <i>Medical Director</i> Board Certified Internal Medicine</p> <p>Catherine Dizon, P.T. <i>Physical Therapy Director</i></p>	<p>Mark Zientek, D.C. <i>Chiropractic Director</i> ABQUARP Diplomate Board Certified: National Board of Chiropractic Examiners - American Board of Quality Assurance & Utilization Review Physicians</p>	<p>www.drchoice-nj.com Se Habla Espanol & Filipino</p> 
--	---	---

We Sell
Rahway Like
Nobody Else!

"Rahway's
Hometown
Experts"



SALIGA MARKEY

REAL ESTATE INC.

732-574-3800

E-mail: homes@saligamarkey.com

www.saligamarkey.com

208 Central Avenue
Rahway, New Jersey 07065

Your ad in the
RAHWAY REVIEW
Will go to
EVERY HOME IN RAHWAY!
Call **(732) 827-2190**
For rates & information

100 years and beyond



Merck Rahway/Linden Site Proudly Operating Since 1903



MERCK

PRINTING ✦ COPYING ✦ STAMPS



Mr. B

Offset Printing Inc.
1850 Elizabeth Avenue
Rahway, NJ 07065
Tel: (732) 396-3990
Fax: (732) 396-3999
E-mail: mrbprinting@comcast.net

CALL US @ 732-396-3990