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RAHWAY HOMETOWN HOLIDAY FESTIVAL

Taste of the Towns '05

Friday, November 18
6:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Rahway Recreation Center

Festival of Trees & Wreaths

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Friday-Sunday, Nov. 25-27
Rahway Recreation Center

Holiday Market

Friday, November 25
5 – 10 p.m.
Saturday, November 26
9 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Sunday, November 27
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Rahway Recreation Center

25th Annual Holiday Tree Lighting

Friday, November 25
7 p.m. City Hall Plaza

Rahway's Hometown Holiday Festival returns to downtown this fall, starting with Taste of the Towns '05. The Red Bank Presbyterian Church Bell choir will be providing entertainment thanks to the generous support of Quick Chek. Quick Chek will set up a replica of their coffee bars and will be serving gourmet coffees and cappuccino. They will be joined by holiday salsa music courtesy of the Arts Guild of Rahway.

There will be 16 national type wine/aperitif/beer distributors displaying their finest spirits for tasting courtesy of Witty's Fine Wines and Liquors.

Seating will be expanded this year due to demand.

Artwork from Rahway native and artist Lloyd Garrison will be available on holiday cards and other products. He will also be showing some holiday work including for first time to the general public his new work of Rahway's holiday memories from the 1950s. A limited edition



holiday ball depicting a Garrison Rahway holiday scene and his new Christmas card will be on sale.

The Rahway Center Partnership will be selling a 180-recipe cookbook with recipes from the restaurants participating as well as local residents.

Each book will be accompanied by a \$5 gift certificate to one of the restaurants at Taste '05. Rahway's own cigar store, Havana Cigars, will be selling the finest in designer tobaccos.

Cotton candy and candy
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GROUND BROKEN ON CARRIAGE CITY HOTEL & TOWER DOWNTOWN

August 24 marked a dramatic new milestone in Rahway's dynamic downtown redevelopment as a groundbreaking ceremony was held at the corner of E. Milton Avenue and Irving Street in Rahway for the new Carriage City Hotel and Tower. The project is being developed by the Silcon Group, Inc. of Elizabeth.

Named in honor of Rahway's historical status as the "Carriage City," for the number of 19th century wheel manufacturers in the city, this state-of-the-art 380,000-square-foot, 15-floor tower will be the first mixed-use residential property in Union County to combine condominiums, retail outlets and a hotel in the same building – a configuration that is popular in New York and other cosmopolitan centers.

"The growth of new housing around our train station that is breathing new life into Rahway has been accelerated with this ambitious new development. Our easy access to Newark Airport and Manhattan has made Rahway an extremely desirable place to live and work, and Carriage City is an example of that," said Mayor James Kennedy.

"We have worked closely with Mayor Kennedy and the Commissioners of the Rahway Redevelopment Agency to make Carriage City Hotel & Tower a reality," said Silcon CEO Carlos J. Silva. "We are proud to be a part of the renaissance of downtown Rahway. This project is signaling the rebirth of Rahway as a vibrant, dynamic urban center



and will enhance the image of the city for years to come."

Adding an upscale appeal to Rahway's downtown, Carriage City Hotel & Tower will bring over 20,000 square feet of prime retail space to that area, including a 7,000 sq. ft. restaurant. The complex will also feature downtown's only hotel consisting of 102 boutique studios and suites.

The building will also offer downtown's only new mid-rise residential construction featuring 209 one-bedroom and two-bedroom luxury condominiums for sale. The condos will range in size from 850 sq. ft. to 1,600 sq. ft. and

will be pre-construction priced from the mid-\$200,000's. According to Silva, homeowners at the Carriage City Hotel & Tower will enjoy the comforts of modern living spaces as well as onsite amenities such as a fitness center and spa, a rooftop deck and garden, 24-hour concierge service and valet parking. Many of the condos will boast spectacular views of the Manhattan skyline and the Watchung Mountains with the convenience of a quick and easy commute to Midtown Manhattan from the

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MAYOR'S message



By Mayor James J. Kennedy
"Infrastructure Matters"

The two devastating hurricanes that slammed into the Gulf coast earlier this year have resulted in needless deaths and losses that are mounting into the hundreds of billions of dollars. Many people warned for years about the dangers that hurricanes would pose to low-lying areas around the shoreline and waterways and proposed solutions to preserving the natural barrier islands and bayous that kept the dangerous storm surges from reaching populated areas. Despite warnings and pleas from scientists and some civic leaders, those steps were not taken. Now a major city lay in ruins and an entire

region has seen its economy and society ripped from its moorings.

If local, state and federal officials in the Gulf region invested in infrastructure like levees and the natural health of wetlands, then we may have seen more encouraging images back in September.

This should teach us an important lesson that government leaders at all levels appear to have forgotten: infrastructure matters. Many politicians, unfortunately, live for the next election rather than create a sustainable community that can weather challenges like natural disasters or economic upheaval over generations. These people may have been penny-wise at the time, but now we can all agree that they were pound foolish, as the old adage goes.

In Rahway, we have been quite fortunate to have made steady investments in our municipal infrastructure that, while expensive, will save money and improve the quality of life in the long run.

2005 was marked with the resurfacing of sixteen streets throughout the city. A few of these streets have not seen hot asphalt in decades, and with vehicle traffic on the increase, the proper maintenance of our roadways is vital. Union County is in the midst of replacing 17 outdated

intersections with new LED traffic signals, turn arrows and improved crosswalks that will provide extra safeguards for motorists and pedestrians. Downtown, an ambitious streetscape program that saw the installation of new sidewalks, streetlights, trees, crosswalks and road surfaces to replace ones that were installed some 25 years ago will help promote new economic development in the area and provide a safer and more pleasant experience for shoppers, merchants and residents.

"...investments in our municipal infrastructure, will save money and improve the quality of life..."

The creation of Berzinec and Bezega Parks, and the upgrade of many more parks mean that Rahway has a wealth of open space and recreational opportunities that other communities don't provide. Our public library and adjacent recreation center, of course, remain as Union County's finest facilities of their kind. I am grateful for the wonderful feedback I have received from many of you about the recreation center and the library.

With memories of 1999's Hurricane

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RAHWAY HOMETOWN HOLIDAY FESTIVAL

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apples will be available for the kids.

There will be floral displays from local florists and door prizes.

There will be a special preview of the annual Holiday Festival of Trees and wreaths

Tickets, which includes unlimited food and drink, are \$30 each and can be purchased at the Rahway Center Partnership offices at 75 East Cherry Street and participating restaurants.

For more information, contact the RCP at (732) 396-3545 or <http://www.rcpnj.org>

This year's Taste '05 participants (as of Sept. 15)

Flynn's Irish Steakhouse & Pub, Rahway

Fat Tuesday's, Rahway

Wenson's Waiting Room, Rahway

Nancy's Town House, Rahway

Pats Café, Rahway

JK's Belly Deli & Catering, Rahway

Restaurant David Drake, Rahway

Mangos Grill, Rahway

Rio Café, Rahway

The Soup Store, Rahway

Mulberry Street, Woodbridge

Merchants of Venice, Clark

Country Cow Creamery, Colonia

Lana's, Clark

Witty's St. George Deli, Rahway

Beana's Mexican Restaurant, Rahway

Pinho's Portuguese Bakery/Café, Roselle

Sebastian's Seafood Restaurant, Rahway

Michaelino's Pizzeria & Restaurant, Rahway

The Back Porch, Rahway

Di Cosmo's Catering, Clark

Louis's Place, Clark

D'Italia's, Avenel (pending)

Giovanni's Amici, Linden

Just Raes Jazz Café, Rahway

Quick Chek, Whitehouse Station

Fifth Annual Festival of Trees & Wreaths

Friday, November 18

Friday-Sunday November 25-27

Rahway Recreation Center

The Festival of Trees is an enchanted forest of trees and holiday displays created by local groups, clubs, organizations, businesses, restaurants and individuals. The public can view these unique creations and actually bid on them via silent auction starting with a private preview at the "Taste of the Towns," on Friday November 18 and continuing the following weekend during the Holiday Market and Tree Lighting.

You are invited to place a bid on any tree and/or wreath on display.

Holiday Festival and Market

Friday, November 25, 5 – 10 p.m.

Saturday, November 26, 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Sunday, November 27 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

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Admission to the Hometown Holiday Weekend and Festival of Trees and Wreaths on November 25 through 27 is free. Dozens of vendors will be present with holiday crafts and wares.

Brunch and photos with Santa and his elves will be offered on Saturday and Sunday for a nominal fee.

The Union County Arts Center will be having a special showing "Home Alone" at 3 p.m. and "It's A Wonderful Life" at 8 p.m. Admission is only \$1, and tickets can be purchased at the door.

So come see, vote, bid, enjoy and be merry!

Pothole Repair Program

During the winter and spring months the Public Works Department is called upon to repair hundreds of potholes throughout the City. Potholes are caused by the effects of water freezing and thawing within the roadway's macadam surface. Public Works has a specialized piece of equipment to make repairs with hot asphalt that will hold up over a longer period of time.

Residents who observe a pothole should call the department at (732) 827-2060 and it will be repaired within 48 hours.

Rahway Businessmen Donate Bicycle Rack

Madison School has a new bicycle rack thanks to Joseph Gibilisco, manager, and James Zwiebel, director, of The Lehrer-Gibilisco Funeral Home, Rahway.

Students were leaving their bikes against trees and poles or on the ground which looked unsightly and presented an opportunity for theft, according to Madison School Principal Christine Salcito.

Gibilisco and Zwiebel noticed the problem and approached the principal of the school to offer an alternative to those students who rode their bikes to school.

With the help of the Madison School PTA, the new bike rack was purchased with monies donated by Gibilisco and Zwiebel.



Pictured (L.-R.) Joseph Gibilisco, Christine Salcito and James Zwiebel present a new bike rack to the students of Madison School.

Tips on keeping streets and driveways clear from snow

It is the responsibility of the city, county and state to clear streets for vehicles during and after snowstorms. Unfortunately, large quantities of snow in the street often end up in driveway aprons. Property owners are advised to shovel driveway aprons after plows are finished cleaning the street. If you must shovel, place the snow "downstream" of your driveway so the plow cannot push it back into your driveway apron. Property owners should also remove their vehicles before a significant snowfall if they are located along snow emergency routes in Rahway or they will be ticketed and/or towed.

NEW RECYCLING CONTRACT TO SAVE \$41K

Mayor James Kennedy announced recently that the city has entered into a contract with Turnpike Recycling of Carteret to dispose of the city's commingled recyclables. Commingled recyclables include plastic, glass and aluminum/metal containers.

The contract will pay the city a guaranteed rate for its recyclables on the open market. In addition to helping the city better predict its recycling revenues in 2005 and beyond, the new agreement will reduce the Division of Solid Waste and Recycling's operating costs because of Turnpike Recycling's proximity to Rahway. Previously, the city paid \$16,000 annually to

dispose of its recyclables in Newark. The city already has enjoyed a contract with Turnpike Recycling to recycle the city's paper goods.

"Through the sale of our commingled recyclables, we expect to save over \$41,000 per year based on our 2004 tonnage numbers," said Kennedy. "Residents should not notice any change in their collection schedule, but we will now be receiving money for our recyclables rather than paying someone to dispose of them for us. This is a further incentive for residents to recycle all of these materials in their households."

Online registration for recreation programs offered

Rahway residents no longer have to visit the Recreation Center to register for recreation programs thanks to a new initiative that offers online registration for the Rahway Division of Recreation's seasonal programs.

Earlier this year, the city entered into a contract with Capturepoint, Inc., a Ridgewood-based company, to provide online registration for Recreation programs through the company's CommunityPass® program.

Residents may create a user account at the City's Division of Recreation web site, <http://www.cityofraahway.com/recreation.htm>, download and print a current program booklet and register for recreation classes. Online payments may be made via credit card or check. Those wishing to register in person can stop by the Recreation Center behind City Hall during business hours.

"Registration for Rahway's dozens of fun, affordable recreation classes is now only a mouse-click away, which is great news for busy families who may be too busy to register in person at the Recreation Center," said Kennedy. "If this is successful, and if there is a demonstrated demand from residents, we may expand the CommunityPass® partnership in the future to cover other athletic programs like the Police Athletic League and the Rahway Youth Soccer Association."

For more information, call the Division of Recreation at (732) 669-3600.



Have a question? Call 2-1-1

What is 2-1-1?

- An easy-to-remember telephone number that connects callers to the health and human services, community resources, and government assistance they need.
- Available 24/7.

Easily accessed by any landline or cell phone.

- Calls are free and confidential.
- Multi-lingual / TTY / TTD
- Certified Call Specialists make appropriate referrals and monitor outcomes to ensure services are provided.

Where is 2-1-1 Available?

- Calls are handled throughout New Jersey and local call centers are geographically distributed throughout the state.
- 34% of the U.S. population has 2-1-1 access.
- Plans are focused on 50% of the U.S. population by the end of 2005 and growing to 100% soon thereafter.

What types of questions can be answered by 2-1-1 Call Specialists?

While resources that are offered through 2-1-1 vary from community to community, 2-1-1 Call Specialists will provide comprehensive information and referral services to callers about a variety of issues, including:

- **Basic Human Needs Resource:** food pantries, clothing closets, shelters, rent assistance, utility assistance.
 - **Support for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities:** adult day care, congregate meals, Meals on Wheels, respite care, home health care, transportation, homemaker services.
 - **Support for Children, Youth and Families:** childcare, after school programs, NJFamily Care (health insurance programs), family resource centers, summer camps and recreation programs, mentoring, tutoring, protective services.
 - **Physical and Mental Health Resources:** health insurance programs, Medicaid and Medicare, maternal health, Children's Health Insurance Program, medical information lines, crisis intervention services, support groups, counseling, drug and alcohol intervention and rehabilitation.
- Employment Supports: financial assistance, job training, transportation assistance, and education programs.

Who Funds 2-1-1 in New Jersey?

New Jersey's local United Ways, the State of New Jersey, county grants and the Verizon Foundation have generated more than \$2.2 million in resources to support 2-1-1 operations in New Jersey.

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HOT RODS & HARLEYS TO RETURN MAY 2006

The 4th annual Hot Rods and Harleys festival will return downtown in May 2006. It will again include the raffle of a New Harley-Davidson motorcycle courtesy of Liberty Harley-Davidson of Rahway. The event was launched in 2002 by Liberty Harley-Davidson and the Rahway Center Partnership. Call (732) 396-3545 or visit www.rcpnj.org for more information.



Owner Chris Wenson has been busy renovating the new location of the Waiting Room restaurant in the historic McCrory building on E. Cherry Street. The popular watering hole was closed in 2004 but will rise again in 2006 on the city's most charming street.



Thank you Elizabethtown Gas!

RCP Maintenance Supervisor Bill Fox and Maintenance Employee Bill Roszits show off the Ford utilities van that was donated to the RCP by Elizabethtown Gas Manager of Community Outreach Tim Williams in August. Elizabethtown Gas also presented the RCP with a donation of \$5,000 to continue its support of economic and cultural activities downtown.

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'New' Rahway Branch YMCA celebrates grand re-opening



A bit of rain didn't dampen any spirits on October 14-15 when the YMCA of Eastern Union County's Rahway Branch celebrated a Grand Re-Opening Celebration. The theme for the weekend was "Be Our Guest, Become Part of Our Family" and invited all residents to visit the newly-renovated facility.

While open during renovations, the Rahway YMCA has recently been re-energized with upgrades to the locker rooms, new fitness equipment, interior enhancements, a new HVAC system, and a brand new parking lot, field and pavilion.

"The future of the Rahway Branch is bright," said Alane McCahey, Associate Branch Executive. "Facility improvements have created a positive environment for both members and staff and we want to share this experience with the entire community. We are excited to welcome everyone to come in and 'Be Our Guest, Become Part of Our Family.'"

Considered an anchor in downtown Rahway, the recent renovations enhance the quality of services available to the local community. Membership has significantly grown due to increases in member services and the convenience of safe on-site parking. The new fitness equipment allows members to improve their workouts and results. The temperature in the pool area has been improved by the new HVAC system and interior renovations have upgraded the appear-

ance and overall comfort of the facility.

"The Rahway Branch YMCA has certainly come a long way and has been a real force of positive change downtown," said Kennedy. "The Y has expanded its programming and made wise investments in its facility. It is really a hidden gem the entire community should enjoy."

Donors to this project include the State of New Jersey, City of Rahway, County of Union, Infineum USA, L.P., Kiwanis Foundation, Merck & Co., Inc., the Rahway Redevelopment Agency, RSI Bank, the Harold B. and Dorothy A. Snyder Foundation, as well as the YMCA's Board of Directors, staff, and members.

The recent renovations at the Rahway Branch are part of the YMCA of Eastern Union County's current \$32 million capital campaign—the largest and most comprehensive expansion in the YMCA's 100-year history. By revitalizing the three branches, the YMCA aims to broaden its services to all eleven of its service communities, and in turn, strengthen its impact as a leading human services provider throughout Eastern Union County.

Should you need any additional information on the YMCA of Eastern Union County, the Rahway Branch, please feel free to call Alane McCahey at (732) 388-0057 or visit the YMCA at 1564 Irving Street.



Painting windows~

Art students from Rahway High School will once again be downtown painting the windows of storefronts of various merchants. Above are students Paula Sharkey and Gary Sienkiewicz painting their award-winning scene last fall.



Farmers Market a success~

Showing support this summer for the Jersey Fresh Farmers Market held on Thursday afternoons at the Rahway train station are 22nd District Assemblywoman Linda Stender, left, Rahway Public Library Assistant to the Director Lorraine Margolies, center, and New Jersey Secretary of Agriculture Charles Kuperus, right. The library displayed a variety of books on produce and cooking. The popular Farmers Market will return to the train station plaza in July 2006.

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GROUND BROKEN ON CARRIAGE CITY HOTEL & TOWER DOWNTOWN

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Rahway Train Station, located directly across the street from the building.

The project is designed by the renowned architectural firm of Nadaskay Kopelson in partnership with Arturo Palombo, AIA, both based in Morristown, NJ. Construction is scheduled to begin shortly and be completed by Spring 2007.

For additional information about the Carriage City Hotel and Tower, please contact Richard G. Bello, Silcon's Chief Financial Officer, at (908) 436-1555 or via e-mail at: rbello@silcongroup.net.



Washington Tulip Poplar Planted

Over 200 years ago George Washington stopped in Rahway on his way to his inauguration in New York City. As a living monument to our founding father's visit to Rahway an authentic George Washington Tulip Poplar now stands near the very spot in the city where Washington was met by his troops in 1789.

Purchased by the Rahway Environmental Commission and donated to the city, the tulip poplar was planted by Rahway's Public Works Department. It stands nearby Rahway's Veterans Memorial on parkland located on the corner of St. George Ave. and West Grand Ave.

What is unique about this particular tree is that it is a direct descendant of the two tulip poplars planted in 1785 by Washington at Mount Vernon, his home on the Potomac River in Virginia. These majestic trees still stand more than two centuries later.

Through hand pollination by arborists from the National



Arboretum, the trees have produced over 1,000 descendants. They are sold through American Forests' Famous & Historic Trees Program. Some have been planted at the Vice-President's residence at the U.S. Observatory in Washington, D.C. Others were sent to replace tulip poplars at the Versailles Palace in Paris that were destroyed following a 1999 wind-storm.

Rahway's own tulip poplar replaces a large European Purple Beech tree that died in the late 1990s and dated from the time that Veteran's Park was a private estate. The Rahway Environmental Commission will also be providing a commemorative marker to be installed at the foot of the tree.

"Trees are vital to maintaining our quality of life and our property values," said Mayor James Kennedy. "It's great to have a tree with environmental as well as historical value growing right here in Rahway."

Children should be mindful of bike safety

It's a beautiful day - the sun is shining, the birds are chirping. What could be more perfect than a bike ride? But wait! Before you pull your bike out of the garage, let's find out how to stay safe on two wheels.

Bike riding is a lot of fun, but accidents happen. Every year, about 176,000 kids go to the emergency department because of bike accident injuries. Some of these injuries are so serious that children die, usually from head injuries.

A head injury means a brain injury. That's why it's so important to wear your bike helmet. Wearing one doesn't mean you can be reckless, but a helmet will provide some protection for your head in case you fall down.

Bike helmets are so important that the U.S. government has created safety standards for them. Your helmet should have a sticker that says it meets standards set by the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC). If your helmet doesn't have a CPSC sticker, ask your mom or dad to get you one that does. Your bike helmet should fit you properly. You don't want it too small

or too big. Never wear a hat under your bike helmet. If you're unsure if your helmet fits you well, ask someone at a bike store.

Once you have the right helmet, you need to wear it the right way so it will protect you. It should be worn level and cover your forehead. The straps should always be fastened. If the straps are flying, it's likely to fall off your head when you need it most. Make sure the straps are adjusted so they're snug enough that you can't pull or twist the helmet around on your head.

Take care of your bike helmet and don't throw it around. That could damage the helmet and it won't protect you as well when you really need it. If you do fall down and put your helmet to the test, be sure to get a new one. They don't work as well after a major crash.

Many bike helmets today are lightweight and come in cool colors. If don't love yours as it is, personalize it with some of your favorite stickers. Reflective stickers are a great choice because they look cool and make you more visible to people driving

cars. Riding a bike that is the right size for you also help keeps you safe.

- When you are on your bicycle, stand straddling the top bar of your bike so that both feet are flat on the ground.

- There should be 1 to 3 inches (2.5 to 7.6 centimeters) of space between you and the top bar.

Here's a safety checklist your mom or dad can help you do:

- Make sure your seat, handlebars, and wheels fit tightly.

- Check and oil your chain regularly.

- Check your brakes to be sure they work well and aren't sticking.

- Check your tires to make sure they have enough air and the right tire pressure.

Wearing bright clothes and putting reflectors on your bike also can help you stay safe. It helps other people on the road see you. And if they see you, that means they're less likely to run into you.

You'll also want to make sure that nothing will get caught in your bike

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| Roosevelt School | |
| 811 St. Georges Ave. | .396-1060 |

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February 19-March 17, 2006

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Reception: Sunday
February 19 1-4 p.m.

Featured Artists: Patricia Brentano, Peter Giaccio, Laura Lou Levy, Roger Tucker

March 26-April 21, 2006

Structural Integrity

Reception: Sunday March 26 1-4 p.m.

Featured artists: Rachael Fallace, Nicole Fournier, Jeff Gutterman, Sue Zwick

STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY



April - May 2006

Off the Rack: Art Made from, On or About Clothing

Reception: Sunday, April 2 1-4 p.m.

Featured artists: Patricia Cudd, Neal Korn, Diane Savona, Nyugen Smith

UPCOMING CONCERTS

Harry Allen

Friday November 11, 2005 8 p.m.

Vince Ector

Friday February 24, 2006 8 p.m.

Sarah Partridge

Friday April 7, 2006 8 p.m.

Bucky Pizzarelli

Friday May 12, 2006 8 p.m.

Tickets: If you've ever attended a concert at The Arts Guild of Rahway, you know it's not Madison Square Garden. Our art gallery is the site for these performances and seats 100 people comfortably. The concerts are as relaxed and as casual as listening to music in the comfort of your own home. Light refreshments are always available during the break. Since our maximum audience seating is low, **GET YOUR TICKETS EARLY!**

Advance Sales Tickets: Available until the day before each concert. The Arts Guild DOES NOT take reservations for seating.

7th Season Jazz Series Advance Sale Tickets:

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Any 4 or all 5 concerts: \$10 each

Any 2 or 3 concerts: \$12 each

1 concert only \$14 each

Arts Guild Members receive
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Tickets purchased at the door:
\$16 each

Tickets may be paid for by cash or check (sorry, we do not accept credit cards). Checks should be made payable to "The Arts Guild of Rahway." Tickets will be available until the day before each concert at The Arts Guild.

UPCOMING ART CLASSES

Easy Printmaking With a Gelatin Plate

Saturday November 19
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Easy Printmaking With a Gelatin Plate: Learn a low tech, low cost, non toxic method to make prints with gelatin from your pantry as the printing plate, and your hands or a brayer as the press. Using water-based inks and mediums, you will explore and develop various techniques including monoprinting with stencils, brushwork, mark making methods with found objects and household items and collage. This is an exciting highly experimental process with endless possibilities for working on paper or fabric. All levels. Get materials list at registration.

Instructor: Rayna Gillman

Workshop Fee: \$ 55 Materials Fee: \$10

Beading: Create Jewelry with Stones and Precious Metals

Sunday December 4
10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Using three basic jewelry tools, you will have the opportunity to make necklaces, bracelets and/or earrings using wire, beads and decorative findings. The basic tools are a round nosed plier, a chain nose plier and a nipper. These are necessary for this workshop. If you do not have the tools you may buy a set from the instructor for approx. \$21. Bring your own beads, but there will be plenty of beads and other workshop materials available here for purchase. All Levels. Expect to complete at least one piece of jewelry. The instructor will contact you prior to the workshop to find out what you will need for the session. A list of resources will be provided by the instructor.

Instructor: Julie Morfe

Workshop Fee: \$65 Students responsible for materials.

Registration

Register online at www.rahwayartsguild.org or by calling (732) 381-7511.

All classes are on a first come first serve basis. Call early to ensure a space in the class of your choice. Payment must be received within seven days of registration to hold your space. Class registration cancelled four or more days before classes begin are eligible for a full refund. (Classes may not be cancelled over weekends.) Classes cancelled less than four days before class start date will receive a 50 percent refund.

Cancellations on first day of class will not receive a refund. If students miss a class by their own decision, do not complete the full class schedule, there will be no refund, credit or make-up class.

If the Arts Guild cancels a class, full refunds will be issued. Students will be notified of class cancellation due to insufficient enrollment 2 to 3 days prior to class start date.

There is a \$10 late fee for registration the first day of class.

ARTS NEWS



UNION COUNTY ARTS CENTER

Jazz:

David Sancious / Larry Coryell

Friday, December 2, 2005 8PM
Tickets: \$30 \$25
Subscription: \$25 \$20

Comedy:

Off The Top Of Our Heads

A Gotham City Improv performance
Saturday, April 1, 2006 8PM
Tickets: \$20
Subscription: \$15

Concerts:

The Turtles

featuring Flo & Eddie

Friday, November 4, 2005 8PM
Tickets: \$35 \$30
Subscription: \$30 \$25

Jersey Shore Reunion 2005

Featuring: Gary US Bonds, Joe Grushecky and the Houserockers, & Bill Chinnock
Saturday, November 19, 2005 8PM
Tickets: \$30
Subscription: \$25

An Evening of Jazz

Featuring Dena DeRose / Earl May
Saturday, April 29, 2006 8PM
Tickets: \$25
Subscription: \$20

Leon Redbone

Saturday, January 21, 2006 8PM
Tickets: \$25
Subscription: \$20

Southside Johnny

Friday, March 31, 2006 8PM
Tickets: \$45 \$35
Subscription: \$40 \$30

Lisa Loeb

Saturday, April 22, 2006 8PM
Tickets: \$20
Subscription: \$15

Soulful Voices

Sunday, November 6, 2005 8PM
Tickets: \$45 \$40 \$35

One World Tribe

Saturday, May 20, 2006 8PM
Tickets: \$15
Subscription: \$10

Family Fun:

Tom Chapin

Sunday, November 13, 2005 3PM
Tickets: \$15
Subscription: \$10

FLY in Concert

Saturday, February 11, 2006 8PM
Tickets: \$15
Subscription: \$10

Weird, Wild & Wonderful

Saturday, March 4, 2006 8PM
Tickets: \$15
Subscription: \$10

Children's Series:

Mr. Snowman

Sunday, December 18, 2005 3PM
Tickets: \$10

Charlotte's Web

Sunday, February 19, 2006 3PM
Tickets: \$10

Dinosaurs!

Sunday, April 23, 2006 3PM
Tickets: \$10

Holiday Events:

Rahway Holiday Celebration

Friday, November 25, 2005
All Tickets \$1.00

The Muppets Christmas Carol

3PM
It's A Wonderful Life 8PM

Performing Arts Ensemble presents

Nutcracker for

the Young at Heart

Saturday, November 26, 2005 3PM
Tickets: \$15 Students & Seniors: \$10

Rahway Dance Theatre presents

Rahway Nutcracker

Friday, December 9, 2005 7:30PM
Tickets: \$15 Students & Senior Citizens: \$10

Rahway Savings Institution (RSI) presents

Orchestra of St. Peter

by the Sea
Saturday, December 10, 2005 8PM
Tickets: \$25

LAR Enterprises, Inc. presents

A Holiday

Doo-Wop Celebration

Saturday, December 3, 2005
7:30PM

Tickets: \$35

Featuring: Fred Parris & The Satins

Terry Johnson's Flamingos

Jimmy Clanton

Frankie Ford

Emil Stucchio & The Classics

The Passions

John Kuse & The Excellents

As you may have heard, the Union County Arts Center was due to be closed this upcoming season for renovations. We are pleased to announce that these renovations have been postponed until July 1st, 2006 so we can offer you a full line-up of arts and entertainment this season!

-- UCAC Staff



The Turtles, featuring Flo & Eddie

Stage Plays:

God Why Me? The Encore

Saturday, February 4, 2006 7PM
Tickets: \$30 \$20

Rahway High School presents:

Me And My Girl

Friday, March 17th – Sunday, March 19th 2006

Tickets: TBD

Movie Palace Experience

The Union County Art Center is excited to announce our season of classic films. From the 1925 version of **Phantom of The Opera** to our holiday events featuring **It's a Wonderful Life** and **The Muppets Christmas Carol** our classic film series has it all. Check out our website at www.ucac.org for further information on our Movie Palace Experience classic film series.

How to order tickets

UCAC Box Office Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,

Friday: 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Thursday: 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Saturday: 12 - 5 p.m.

The Box Office is open 2 hours before all scheduled performances.

Purchasing Tickets:

- To order by phone, call (732) 499-8226 during Box Office hours.

- To order by fax, send your order to (732) 499-8227.

- To order by mail, send your order to UCAC Box Office, 1601 Irving Street.

- To order online (24 hours a day, 7 days a week), visit www.ucac.org/boxoffice.htm.

- To order in person, stop by during box office hours. We are located at 1601 Irving Street.

UCAC Sampler Series

Create your own subscription! Purchase any three (3) or more select UCAC shows at the same time and save \$5 a show!

The UCAC Sampler Series can be purchased by calling the Box Office at (732) 499-8226, by stopping by our office at 1601 Irving St during box office hours or online.



Joe Grushecky and the Houserockers

Mayor's Message

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Floyd still fresh in our minds, we still realize that it is in our best interests to work towards the rehabilitation of the Rahway River. This fall, the city partnered with the Rahway River Association to commission a study of the Rahway River from Elizabeth Avenue to the city's boundaries with Linden and Woodbridge. A Morristown-based consultant has met with community leaders, engineers, city employees and everyday citizens to devise a plan that promotes the health of the Rahway River while helping us promote the waterway as an important asset to be treasured and enjoyed by all. I hope to share this report with you when it is released later this year.

Underground, the final phases of our long-awaited combined sewer separation project are wrapping up, and the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority is in the midst of building a tunnel deep under the surface that will carry excess untreated sewage from its pump station on West Grand Avenue to its treatment along our border with Woodbridge. Both projects will significantly reduce the amount of raw sewage entering the Rahway River and will control our cost to treat that sewage.

Finally, investment in our public infrastructure has resulted in private investment as well. New market-rate housing and retail space is being built throughout our central business district that will profoundly change the face of downtown for the better. Work began on the exciting new Carriage City hotel and condominium project that will result in a completely new look for the area in front of the train station. Seniors can now enjoy some 300 new housing units at Park Terrace on St. Georges Avenue and Rosegate on East Hazelwood Avenue.

Route 1, long an eyesore for passing motorists, is receiving a facelift with the 2006 opening of the Best Western hotel and the completion of the state-funded realignment of the busy highway that you have probably seen.

Investing in capital projects like new sewers and streetscapes is not a glamorous investment. These projects are usually completed with little fanfare and backslapping. However, their importance to the future health of our community is immense. They provide the physical foundation that all of us rely upon to carry out the day-to-day responsibilities of our lives - going to work, getting to school, conducting business, etc.. As a public official, it is my obligation to you, the citizen, to make sure that our infrastructure is maintained and upgraded.

On behalf of your municipal employees, as well as my family, I would like to wish you a happy, prosperous and healthy holiday season and New Year, and I hope to see many of you at City Hall next month at the many festivities we have planned to celebrate the holidays.



Union County Freeholder Chairman Rick Proctor (second from left) and Freeholders Angel G. Estrada (left), Bette Jane Kowalski (second from right) and Chester Holmes (right) join Diane Johnson (third from left) from the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development in presenting new homeowner Tracy Munger (third from right) with a check for \$15,000 in front of her new home in Rahway on June 27. The money, obtained through the Union County HOME Investment Partnership Down Payment Program, was used to help Munger with the down payment and closing costs on her house. This program enables qualified low income individuals and families to purchase properties in Union County.



Congratulations to this year's Mayor's Cup participants!

Is your street light working?

To report a street light out in your neighborhood, visit PSE&G on the internet at www.pseg.com, call (800) 436-PSEG (7734) or fill out and fax a form available on the City of Rahway web site. Please have the following information available:

- The location of the street light
- The nearest cross street
- The pole number
(usually located on a metal strip attached to the pole)



HAT DAY COLLECTS KATRINA CONTRIBUTIONS

The students and staff at Madison Elementary School in Rahway collected money for the victims of Hurricane Katrina. If you donated a dollar or more you could wear your hat all day in school. It was the least Madison could do to help ease the pain of the victims. Pictured are principal Christine Salcito, right, with Cheyenne Wenstiad, displaying some of the money collected. (Inset) Brandon La Falce shows off his hat proudly.

LIBRARY UPDATE

Fall heats up at the Rahway Public Library

Fall is already here, and the Library has been busy providing programs for residents of all ages. The Summer Reading Club is over and that means homework and school assignment reading for students. The Rahway Library is ready for the new school year. If you didn't get that library card over the summer, you need one now for school. Register for library cards anytime at the library circulation desk by presenting identification and proof of residency or employment in Rahway.

Take a break from hectic fall schedules and join us for special events. 'Meet the Author' brings a New Jersey author to the library

each month to discuss their work and their New Jersey experiences. Rutgers University Professor of American Studies and celebrated author Angus Gillespie will be giving a presentation on the Jersey Devil just in time for Halloween. Lenape culture will headline November's special event. December is magical at the library with magician, Joe Fisher. And of course, book groups, storytime, and movies are regular features. Call the library for details (732) 340-1551) or check the website at www.rahwaylibrary.org



Enchanted Tales and Tunes program was held at the Library

Schedule of events

Night-Time Storytime for All Ages

November 3, November 10, 7 p.m.

Teen Scene Cinema for grades 6-12

Wednesdays at 4 pm now through November 30.

Monday Night Movies featuring 'Faerie Tale Theatre' for All Ages

November 7, November 14, November 21, November 28, December 5 and December 12, 6:30 p.m.

The Jersey Devil with Angus Gillespie

(Looking for America on the New Jersey Turnpike, Twin Towers)

Oct. 29, 1:45 p.m.

Teen Circle Book Bunch for Grades 6-12

December 1, 4 p.m.

Evening Book Group

November 17, 7 p.m.

Book Discussion of The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn for ages 10-14

Monday, November 7, 7 p.m.

Senior Book Group: Charms for the Easy Life by Kaye Gibbons

Tuesday, November 15, 10 a.m.

Meet in the program room of the Golden Age Towers (200 E. Milton Ave.) across the street from the library. Sign up at the

Reference Desk. Book groups are free, and include a copy of the month's book.

Harry Potter Picture Bingo for ages 3-12

Saturday, November 19, 2 p.m.

Native Lenape culture in New Jersey by Beverly Friend

Saturday, November 19, 1:45 p.m.

Holiday Magic Show with Joe Fisher for children of all ages

Saturday, December 10, 11 a.m.

Squirrel Appreciation Day with Pam Newitt of Nature By the Yard

Saturday, January 21, 11 a.m.

African-American Tales with Storyteller Julie Pasqual

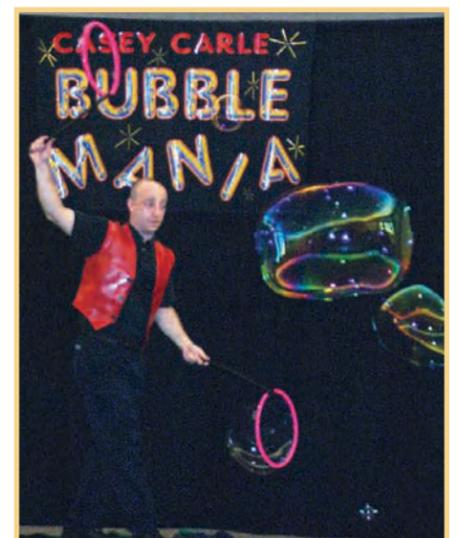
Saturday, February 4, 11 a.m.



Mother Goose visited the Library in September



The Turtlesinger comes to the Library



Bubblemania floats around the Library this past summer

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LEAF COLLECTION GUIDELINES



Leaves should be placed in piles along the curb or placed in biodegradable paper leaf bags available at most hardware stores. Leaves placed in plastic bags or trash cans will not be collected. Please call the city's leaf hotline at (732) 827-2063 during leaf collection season to learn where DPW crews will be working that day.

Merchants & Drivers features Rahway history this holiday

Evening Candlelight Tours

December 3 & 10, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Special holiday open house with period music by Ridley and Anne Enslow

Adults \$8, members \$5, students and children 6 and up \$3.

For more information, call (732) 381-0441 or visit <http://www.merchantsanddrivers.org>

Terrill Tavern Museum Shop

The museum shop, featuring a variety of holiday gifts, will be open every Saturday through Christmas and by special request.

Please call Bill Rack at (732) 382-5347 or Genea Johnson at (732) 756-4540.

The Merchants and Drivers Tavern Museum Association is dedicated to preserving the Merchants and Drivers Tavern, c. 1795/1820, and to interpreting early tavern life. The tavern, located at the corner of St. Georges and Westfield Avenues, is recorded in the Historic American Buildings Survey and listed in the National Register of Historic Places and the New Jersey Register of Historic Places. The Association also owns the Terrill Tavern, c. 1750.

Protect your home with upgraded LeakGuard service

United Water & Home Service announce enhancements to LeakGuard®

- United Water has entered into a major business partnership with Home Service USA to provide existing and new LeakGuard® customers with enhanced levels of service, as well as an extended range of valuable services that provide peace of mind and save money for customers.

- Customers receive all the current benefits of LeakGuard®, includ-

ing no cap on repair costs, repaving of asphalt and concrete surfaces, and reseeding of lawn areas.

- Home Service has upgraded the service by offering 24/7 coverage, extended customer service hours and faster response times.

- United Water and Home Service are working together to market enhanced services to customers, including sewer line protection, interior plumbing coverage and electrical wiring repair; Home Service will bill

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DEP takes action to protect city's water supply

In August, the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) directed General Electric Company, Hamilton Electronics Corporation and Atlantic Metal Products, Inc. to stop an ongoing release of contamination at two sites in Springfield Township that is polluting the Rahway River. DEP Commissioner Bradley M. Campbell also announced that the companies will be required to reimburse the state \$7 million for past costs the state incurred when it paid to treat the City of Rahway's drinking water supply, which was contaminated as a result of these companies' past operations.

DEP directed General Electric Company, Hamilton Electronics Corporation and Atlantic Metal Products, Inc. to initiate DEP-approved interim remedial measures to prevent the discharge of hazardous substances at the sites from entering the Rahway River. The companies also must conduct long-term remedial investigations to determine the nature and extent of contamination resulting from discharges at and emanating from the sites, followed

by any required cleanup work.

"We have put companies on notice that New Jersey will not tolerate cleanup delays any longer," said Commissioner Campbell.

In 1989, the City of Rahway detected the common cleaning solvent trichloroethylene (TCE) in the Rahway River at the intake of the city's drinking water supply at levels up to 10.5 parts per billion. New Jersey's drinking water standard for TCE is one part per billion. With funding from the state Spill Fund, the City of Rahway installed a treatment system on its drinking water supply to remove this hazardous substance to ensure safe potable water for its residents. The system continues to operate today at a significant cost for operation and maintenance.

"Any effort on part of the state of New Jersey to stem the flow of pollution to the Rahway River can only help those residents who rely on this resource for drinking water and those who enjoy the natural heritage of the river," said Dennis O. Miranda, execu-

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County, Housing Authority partner on new homes

Last month, Union County Freeholders Rick Proctor and Chester Holmes, the Rahway Housing Authority, Rahway Savings Bank and the Federal Home Loan Bank joined Mayor Kennedy and Council Members Dave Brown and Jerry Scaturro to break ground on four single-family homes in the City of Rahway.

The County of Union is providing \$390,000 through Home funds toward this project. The Rahway Savings Institute is providing a loan of \$463,000 as the local bank representative through Federal Home Loan Bank.

The Rahway Housing Authority is providing \$90,000, split between a \$50,000 grant and \$40,000 toward construction.

These four, four-bedroom homes will be rented to low income families with an option to buy within 5-7 years through the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program. Vouchers will be used to pay the mortgage.

"Instead of providing 'rental assistance,' we are now providing 'mortgage assistance,' said Proctor, who is a Rahway resident. "We could be paying landlords to house these families, instead we will be helping these families gain equity and move up."

Construction on the homes is expected to take six to eight months, weather permitting.



SAFETY POLICE & FIRE

Youth Police Academy graduates 30

On July 1, nearly 30 Rahway children between the ages of 11 and 15 graduated from the fourth annual Youth Police Academy, which is run by police officers assigned to the Rahway Police Department's Community Assistance Team. The Youth Police Academy is designed to provide young adults with a better understanding of the role of police in today's society. Youth Academy "cadets" are exposed to some of the training, procedures, and technology utilized by police officers on a daily basis. Our goal is to develop a better rapport with the children in the community by breaking down the barriers that exist between police officers and teens.

The weeklong program exposes the participants to many areas of law enforcement such as accident investigation and crime scene investigation. The cadets also are educated in areas such as alcohol and drug awareness, gang aware-



ness, physical fitness, and water safety. The session culminated in a graduation ceremony held at the John H. Stamler Police Academy in Scotch Plains. While at the police academy, participants tested their physical agility by navigating the obstacle course used by police officers during their training. The cadets also are given the opportu-

nity to safely engage in "shoot / don't shoot" scenarios using the Fire Arms Training Simulator (F.A.T.S.). The cadets were then rewarded for their hard work and dedication with a formal graduation ceremony. Awards were given to cadets in various categories such as Top Cadet, Best in Physical Training (P.T.), Best Essay, and Most

Improved. All graduates received a Certificate of Completion and a class photo.

The Youth Police Academy is an annual program. Applications for the 2006 class are available by contacting Officer Dawn Rodger at (732) 827-2179 or visiting www.rahwaypolice.com

Child Safety Seat Assistance

The Rahway Police Department Community Assistance Team offers free assistance to anyone who needs help installing child safety seats. This program is a free educational service, not an installation service, and participants will be expected to demonstrate proper installation techniques. For more information or to make an appointment with a child safety seat technician, please call (732) 827-2179.

Rahway Police Officer aids Katrina victims

Rahway Police Officer Jonathan Tilton headed south in September to assist the victims of Hurricane Katrina and keep the peace in New Orleans. Officer Tilton, who has been a police officer since 1996 and has served on Rahway Police Department since 1998, left his family for two weeks to facilitate rescue and recovery efforts. Tilton was officially sworn in as a Louisiana State Trooper and acted in an official capacity for the duration of his stay in New Orleans. Tilton, who is also a part of the Union County S.W.A.T. team, joined a larger contingency of law enforcement personnel from throughout the state that comprised the NJ Task Force.

Before leaving on this detail, Tilton packed enough food, water and toiletries to last three days. In addition, he had to receive an array of inoculations to ward off any infectious contaminants he came in contact with while down there. Officer Tilton's squad was housed in Kenner, Louisiana, which is located just west of the French Quarter. During the day, Tilton's squad was responsible for responding to as many as possible of the over 22,000 unanswered 9-1-1 calls

received during the hurricane. His squad also performed search and rescue operations, which led to the evacuation of approximately 60 residents that were still trapped in the attics of their homes. At night, his squad donned night vision goggles and helped patrol the streets to fend off potential looters.

Tilton, who endured two weeks of living in tents and gymnasiums, and ate mostly military issue MREs

(meals-ready-to-eat), has since returned home to his wife and three children. He describes the devastation in New Orleans as "unreal," but stated that the residents' attitude towards him and other emergency personnel was overwhelmingly positive. Tilton said that the victims of Katrina were extremely grateful for the help they received and some of the nicest people he's ever met.



The City of Rahway requires that all bicycles be registered with the police department and display a registration sticker. The Rahway Police Department Community Assistance Team offers a free bicycle registration program to all residents of the City of Rahway. Every year our police department recovers numerous bicycles that cannot be matched to owners simply because most people do not record the necessary identifying information for their valuable bicycles. The Rahway Police Department Community Assistance Team has an information database that records these important serial numbers so that it is readily accessible to police in case your bicycle is lost or stolen.

REGISTER YOUR BICYCLE!

Simply bring your bicycle to the Rahway Police Department and one of our officers will examine the bicycle, record the necessary information on a pre-printed registration form, and supply you with a bicycle registration tag to place on your bicycle. This sticker identifies your bicycle as being properly registered with the Rahway Police Department. It also contains a serial number that is unique to that specific bicycle. Each bicycle registered will receive a separate license tag. The license tag number is then recorded in a database, so that in case of theft,

the Police will be able to retrieve the make, model, serial numbers, and ownership information that are necessary to enter the bicycle stolen. Bicycles must be brought to police headquarters. All bicycles will be inspected by a police officer before a license is issued to ensure that it is in compliance with the required city code safety standards. Bicycles with missing or defaced serial numbers will not be issued a license.

For more information about this program, or to register your bicycle, please contact the Rahway Police Department Community Assistance Team at (732) 827-2179.

SAFETY POLICE & FIRE

FIRE DEPARTMENT AWARDED \$39K GRANT FOR FIREFIGHTER SAFETY EQUIPMENT

Fireman's Fund Insurance Company recently announced it is awarding the Rahway Fire Department a grant in the amount of \$39,168 for the purchase of self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) and spare air bottles. Firefighters use this equipment, which provides a continuous flow of compressed, breathable air, to safely enter a building or environment contaminated by smoke or hazardous materials.

"We were very overwhelmed when Fireman's Fund came to notify us about the grant," said Rahway Fire Chief Harold Stahl. "This equipment is vital to the safety of our firefighters and will help us better protect this community. This funding will allow us to replace approximately one-third of our aging, heavy and deteriorating SCBA inventory."

The fire department was nominated for this grant by a local Fireman's Fund employee, Joanne Padavano, who is based in the company's Liberty Corner, NJ office. Fireman's Fund employees and independent agents can direct grants and volunteer support to local fire departments, national firefighter organizations and fire and burn prevention non-profit organizations through the Fireman's Fund HeritageSM program. This initiative is the company's long-term philanthropic mission to support firefighters for safer communities. Grants are awarded for the purchase of equipment, fire prevention tools, firefighter training, fire safety education and community emergency response programs. Since 2004, Fireman's Fund has awarded more than \$4 million in grants to local fire departments, national firefighter organizations and non-profit fire and burn prevention organizations across the country.

"I lived in Rahway for most of my life, and it's a very rewarding experience to have an opportunity to direct a grant to a fire department in this community," said Padavano, a Fireman's Fund regional commercial underwriter. "I'm proud to work for a company that empowers its

employees to support local firefighters. My husband is a member of the Rahway Fire Department so I have a personal interest in firefighter safety. Now, as a Fireman's Fund employee, I'm glad to have had the chance to give back to the firefighters who do so much to keep our communities safe."

"As an insurance company, we share a common goal with firefighters - to protect our communities," said Darryl Siry, Fireman's Fund vice president and executive director of Fireman's Fund Heritage. "We want every Fireman's Fund employee to share ownership of our social mission by providing them with an opportunity to direct grants to fire departments and local non-profit fire and burn prevention organizations in the communities where they live and work."

In addition to being able to direct grants under the Fireman's Fund Heritage "Bucket Brigade" program, employees and the employees of agencies offering Fireman's Fund products are encouraged to support firefighters at the grassroots level. Through the Bucket Brigade program, employees learn about opportunities to volunteer at local fire departments.

The program for employees was named after the community-based approach to firefighting in the days before fire hydrants. Citizens banded together to form a "bucket brigade" - a line to pass buckets of water to fight fires. Similarly, Fireman's Fund employees and its network of independent agents are joining forces to support firefighters. In addition to the grant to the Rahway Fire Department, in the first quarter of 2005, Fireman's Fund is awarding 15 additional grants totaling close to \$300,000 to fire departments in communities across the nation.



FIREMAN'S FUND CLEANUP



Employees from Fireman's Fund Insurance Company Joanne Padavano, Jim Zebieb, Carol Fatzer and Lou Donnini participated in the company's annual Day of Sharing in Rahway to clean the Union County fire safety trailer at Rahway Fire Headquarters. The trailer is used throughout the county to educate students about the importance of fire safety.

CONGRATS FIREFIGHTERS!



Deputy Fire Chief David Eldracher, left, Captain Robert Fleischman, second from left, and Battalion Chief Chester Kolessa, right, were officially sworn in to their new duties at the September 12 Regular Meeting of the Rahway City Council. Joining them is, third from left, Fire Chief Harold Stahl.

NEW AERIAL TRUCK FIGHTS FIRES

The Rahway Fire Department purchased a new E-One 95' Platform SideStacker aerial platform fire truck in July that will increase the Department's effectiveness in fighting fires in some of Rahway's taller buildings. Acceptance of the \$594,900 bid from Absolute Fire Protection of South Plainfield was authorized by the City Council at its July 11 Regular Meeting.

The eight-seater truck, named "Truck Ten" by the Fire Department, replaces a 1988 model and features improved access for firefighters wearing self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA). It is able to pump 2,000 gallons of water per minute and has an all-aluminum platform with a 1,025 lb. rated

capacity that permits 3 firefighters and 275 lb. of equipment to be raised some 95 feet in the air. The firefighting platform features a master stream mounted to the platform as well as a handheld stream, allowing firefighters to battle a blaze from multiple locations. Its wheelbase is 245" and it stands 11'10" without the ladder and platform extended.

"This is a flexible and state of the art firefighting tool that will help us keep potentially devastating fires like last month's Cherry Street Fire from spreading out of control," said Mayor James Kennedy. "More importantly, it will provide added protection for our residents and their property in case of fire or other emergency."

Curb your dog!

Residents are reminded to clean up after their dogs, especially on public property. Violators can be fined up to \$1,000 and receive a 90-day jail sentence. For more information, contact the Division of Health at (732) 827-2085.



Upgraded LeakGuard service

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Tree planting program begins

Following the removal of some 1,800 trees from public and private property in Rahway as part of the joint state and federal government efforts to combat the invasive Asian longhorned beetle, the first of several tree plantings began in Rahway this month with the planting of approximately 300 trees in Rahway's Fourth Ward, which was particularly hard hit by the destructive pest. 75 amelanchier, little leaf linden and Douglas fir trees were planed planted along Clark, Stockton and Witherspoon Streets as well as Howard Field following consultations with the Department of

Public Works and Fourth Ward Councilman Dave Brown. The U.S. Department of Agriculture and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection will be planting additional trees in Rahway's First and Fourth Wards in the spring and fall of 2006 and 2007.

These trees will complement the 150 trees that will be planted citywide next month as part of the "Greening Union County" program provided by the County of Union.

For additional information on the Asian longhorned beetle in Rahway, visit <http://www.city-ofrahway.com/beetle/>.

Input welcome on EPA grant

The City of Rahway partnering with the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Rahway is seeking public input with regard to grant and loan proposals that are being submitted to the United States Environmental Protection Agency for the purpose of securing funding to remediate hazardous sites and or sites that have been affected by petroleum spills. Your comments are welcomed and encouraged. To respond in writing, address your correspondence to Peter H. Pelissier, Executive Director, Rahway Redevelopment Agency, 1 City Hall Plaza, Rahway, New Jersey 07065. The telephone number for your comments is: (732) 827-2160. The documents will be available for review in the Planning Office, Rahway City Hall, 1 City Hall Plaza, Rahway, New Jersey 07065, from 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. daily.

DEP TAKES ACTION TO PROTECT CITY'S WATER SUPPLY

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tive director of the Rahway River Association.

Based on DEP sampling from 2000 through 2005, DEP concluded that the former General Electric Company and Atlantic Metal Products sites are a source of hazardous substances including TCE in the Rahway River that is contaminating the city's supply of drinking water. DEP ground water tests showed levels of TCE up to 20,000 parts per billion at the General Electric site and up to 1,600 parts per billion at the Atlantic Metal Products site.

The City of Rahway maintains a sampling program for the surface water intake from the Rahway River. Monthly sampling data since January 2005 revealed that TCE remains in the Rahway River at the intake for the City's drinking water supply at levels up to 4.8 parts per billion.

Following actions taken in September 2004 and April 2005 to address contaminated sites affect-

ing water quality along the lower Raritan and lower Delaware rivers, DEP is planning a Rahway River initiative to identify additional sites that need increased oversight of responsible parties to complete both immediate and long-term, permanent cleanups. DEP will identify high priority sites that present the greatest risk to the Rahway River's ecosystem.

"Because 8,000 customers get their drinking water directly from the Rahway River every day, these contaminants pose a potential threat to the health of the citizens of Rahway and cost taxpayers millions of dollars in additional treatment to remove them from our water supply," said Mayor James Kennedy. "Along with United Water Rahway, the City of Rahway assures our water customers that the water that flows from their taps is perfectly safe and has TCE levels that are below the DEP's allowable limit. I'm hopeful that this action taken by the DEP will contribute to clean and affordable water for Rahway for generations to come."

Children should be mindful of bike safety

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chain, such as loose pant legs, backpack straps, or shoelaces. Wear the right shoes - sneakers - when you bike. Sandals, shoes with heels, and cleats won't help you grip the pedals. And never go riding barefoot! Riding gloves may help you grip the handlebars - and make you look like a professional!

But avoid wearing headphones because the music can distract you from noises around you, such as a car blowing its horn so you can get out of the way.

You need to check with your mom and dad about where you're allowed to ride your bike. You need to know how far you're allowed to go and whether you should ride on the sidewalk on in the street. Either way, you need to keep an eye out for cars and trucks. Even if you're just riding on sidewalk, a car may pull out of its driveway into the path of your bike. If you're crossing a busy road, it's best to walk your bike across the street.

A bike path free of cars is a great choice if there's one in your area. Just remember to share the path with the other riders, walkers, and strollers who also might be using it! And if you're going on a long ride, bring some water along with you.

And no matter where you ride, keep an eye on the road ahead so you can be prepared for big hills and road obstacles. Some common ones

that can cause falls include:

- wet leaves, big puddles
- changes in the road surface
- storm grates
- gravel or rocks
- curbs
- little kids in your way!

If you're allowed to ride on the street, follow these road rules:

- Always stop and check for traffic in both directions when leaving your driveway, an alley, or a curb.
- Cross at intersections. When you pull out between parked cars, drivers can't see you coming.
- Walk your bike across busy intersections using the crosswalk and following traffic signals.
- Ride on the right-hand side of the street, so you travel in the same direction as cars do. Never ride against traffic.
- Use bike lanes or designated bike routes wherever you can.
- Don't ride too close to parked cars. Doors can open suddenly.
- Stop at all stop signs and obey street (red) lights just as cars do.
- Ride single file on the street with friends.
- When passing other bikers or people on the street, always pass to their left side, and call out "On your left!" so they know that you are coming.
- Use hand signals so other bikers and drivers will know what you're going to do next.



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SENIOR STUFF

Senior Prescription cards offered

Rahway seniors are able to participate in the 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. Forms are available at City Hall, the Rahway Senior Center and on the city's web site: www.city-ofrahway.com.

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

Michelle Kowal, R.N., will be available at the Senior Center for free blood pressure screening and consultation on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month from 10:00 to 11:30 am. Call (732) 827-2158 for more details.

Computer room now open for seniors

The Rahway Senior Center now has a computer room with Internet access for the exclusive use of Rahway's seniors. Please contact the Senior Center at (732) 827-2016 for more information.

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 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 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 past 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, age 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 from 10 a.m. -12 noon.

November 16
December 21
January 18, 2006
February 15, 2006
March 15, 2006
April 19, 2006
May 17, 2006
June 21, 2006

Rahway Public Library – first Tuesday of the month from 3 – 5 p.m.

November 1
December 6
January 3, 2006
February 7, 2006
March 7, 2006
April 4, 2006
May 2, 2006
June 6, 2006

SENIORS ENJOY ANNUAL PICNIC



Hundreds of Rahway senior citizens turned out on August 10 to enjoy the Division of Senior Affairs' annual Senior Picnic at Hart Street Park.

"The Four Lads: Moments to Remember"

Holiday Show & Luncheon
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Friday, December 9

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Rahway Retired Men's Club

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Pres. Ted Polhamus (732) 381-0273

Merck Retirees

Meets 1st Tuesday of each month at 1 p.m.
Pres. Cliff Lenox (732) 572-2251

Ladies Golden Age Club

Meets every Wednesday at 12:15 p.m.
Pres. Rosemary Jacobs (732) 669-1437

Retired Railroaders (Group #2)

Meets 1st Saturday of the month at 11 a.m.
Pres. Edward Witos (732) 738-7189

A.A.R.P Chapter #607

Meets 2nd Thursday of the month at 12 noon.
Pres. Marge Gray (908) 241-3066

St. Joseph's Guild

Meets 3rd Tuesday of the month at 12:30 p.m.
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