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## ALL THE WORLD'S A STAGE: THE SOON-TO-BE-EXPANDED RAHWAY ARTS DISTRICT AMPHITHEATRE



Mark Scheiber 2010

Rahway will soon have an additional space for the performing arts when the new outdoor amphitheatre on Hamilton Street opens in 2011.

Construction of the 1,100-seat amphitheatre is expected to begin this fall and will launch a seasonal lineup of music, dance and theater in the spring. The amphitheatre is designed by Farewell Mills Gatsch Architects of Princeton and will also feature a public walkway along the Robinson's Branch

of the Rahway River and parking. The amphitheatre replaces the former Hamilton Laundry building, which suffered severe damage from flooding in the 1990s.

**I'm eager to see this project get underway to complement the many exciting things already happening in our Arts District downtown**  
— Mayor James Kennedy

This open air amphitheatre will be nestled into a bend in the river and appears molded by the action of the water. The sweeping concrete walls warp up to become a stage house. This outdoor venue is linked by a riverfront walk to a renovated and expanded 15,000 square foot former industrial building that will house a 200-seat theatre, classrooms, and dance space as well as program support space. The dynamism of this space resides in its "found" industrial quality, as well as in

the new spatial connection to the river and landscape.

These arts buildings will also achieve a green agenda, not just in the environmental remediation of brownfield sites but through their accessibility to transportation, resource use, and energy efficiency. The park itself will be a demonstration project for sustainable flood plain and river bank treatment and the theatre building is seeking Leadership in Energy & Building Design (LEED) certification.

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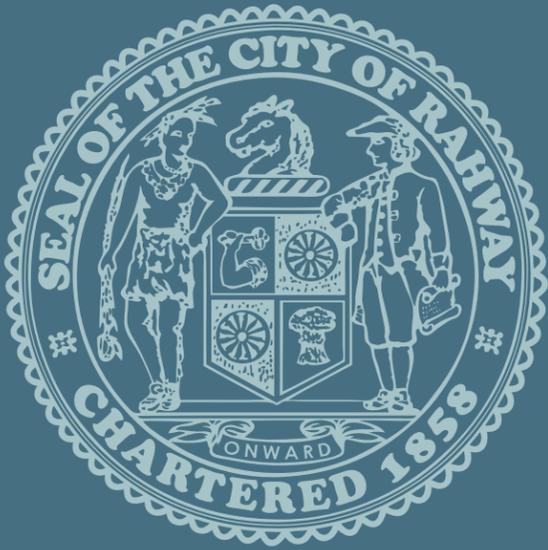
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### Holiday at Home 2010

**Annual Tree Lighting**  
Friday, Nov 26  
7 p.m.  
City Hall Plaza

**Holiday Craft Fair**  
Friday, Nov 26  
5 – 10 p.m.  
Saturday, Nov 27  
9 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
Rahway Recreation Center

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[www.cityofrahway.com](http://www.cityofrahway.com)  
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A MESSAGE FROM  
**THE MAYOR'S DESK**  
By Mayor James Kennedy

**It is with mixed emotions that I write this, my final column for the Rahway Review.** We launched the Rahway Review almost 20 years ago as a way to inform our residents about happenings in their hometown. I hope that this newsletter will continue to be an educational resource to keep everyone aware of the many exciting things going on in Rahway.

In January, my State of the City speech addressed the economic importance of the arts and how Rahway can be poised to take advantage of this opportunity in times of recession and uncertainty.

The manufacturing and retail economies that many of us recall from our youth or our parents' generation are gone and will not return in the same forms. Rahway needs to connect with growing economic trends that will help cushion us against future downturns.

Author and researcher Richard Florida has written extensively on the "creative class" and how jobs in the arts are making up an extremely important – and profitable – area of this new group of workers. Creative class employment has seen relatively low rates of unemployment during the course of the economic crisis and these jobs will make up roughly half of all projected U.S. employment growth – adding 6.8 million new jobs by 2018. Studies just released last month show that our metropolitan region is poised to lead the nation in job growth in these sectors. A modest investment made now will pay off well into the future, not only for our employment prospects, but for neighborhood improvement and quality of life.

Twenty-five years ago, the volunteers behind the Union County Performing Arts Center transformed the run-down Rahway Theatre into a regional destination for the performing arts. An infusion

of private sector investment and new members on the UPCAC board will help kick off an exciting new season in January that will take the arts center down an exciting path of improved programming.

Ten years ago my administration created the Arts Guild of New Jersey gallery, classroom and performance space in the Victorian-era Claude Reed Center. They are joined by the skilled artisans at Sagebrush Studios and St. Georges Art Glass along Irving Street. In just the past three years, local artists have organized to

create the Rahway Art Hive and take advantage of our proximity to New York City, our relatively affordable real estate and a community that is welcoming of the arts.

2011 will mark the opening of the long-awaited amphitheatre on Hamilton Street that will be a new outdoor seasonal home for the performing arts and will be complimented by the establishment of additional theater and dance space in the adjacent Bell Building.

The piano loft on Irving Street has already opened its doors to the public. Talented students from Julliard as well as other reputable music schools are already capitalizing on this studio.

These new facilities will all enhance our public schools' well-established and award-winning music and theater programs. We will cultivate a new generation who will grow up appreciating and taking advantage of the arts and the cultural and economic benefits that it brings.

We are presented with a once-in-a-generation opportunity to establish a sustainable economic model for Rahway that will last for years. Human creativity is our ultimate economic resource and if we do not capitalize on current trends now, we will find it much more difficult to "play catch-up" and sustain any momentum when the economy picks up.

I would like to thank the thousands of wonderful residents of Rahway who supported our shared vision for our community over these past two decades. Stable property taxes and economic growth were the hallmark of those years. I will refocus my energies on growing the cultural arts in Rahway in the future and I invite you to join with me on this new and exciting journey that will create more jobs, vibrant neighborhoods and an exciting, diverse city.

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## RAHWAY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

# IMPORTANT TIPS FOR WEST NILE VIRUS PREVENTION



Health Officer Rick Proctor (left) speaks with Sean Devaney (center) and Ralph Strano (right) of the Union County Bureau of Mosquito Control. The County's mosquito control team has been very active in Rahway this season. Mosquitoes are rampant throughout Union County and the Bureau has been treating breeding areas as well as spraying pesticide to kill adult mosquitos in known high activity areas. There have been 15 mosquito pools testing positive for West Nile Virus in Union County with several in Rahway. Rahway Department of Health and Senior Services urges residents to use take protective measures when outdoors and look for and eliminate standing water and breeding areas on their property.

**Health Officer Rick Proctor has issued helpful tips to keep you and your loved ones safe from West Nile Virus and other diseases transmitted by mosquitoes.**

**Avoid shaded areas** when mosquitoes may be resting. Limit outdoor activities in the evening and early mornings (dusk to dawn) when mosquitoes are most active.

**Wear Protective Clothing**, if weather permits, such as long-sleeved shirts and pants.

**Drill extra holes** in the bottom of outdoor recycling containers.

### Keep your property mosquito "unfriendly"

by removing all sources of standing or stagnant water where mosquito larvae can breed. Mosquitoes will develop in any standing water or puddle that lasts more than 4 days!

**Dispose of** tin cans, plastic containers, ceramic pots and old, discarded tires. One tire can produce tens of millions of mosquitoes in a single season.

**Clean** clogged roof gutters.

**Eliminate standing water** that collects in: wheelbarrows, plastic wading pools, birdbaths, buckets, recycling containers and cover children's sandboxes.

**Aerate water gardens** and ornamental pools, or stock them with fish.

**Clean and chlorinate** swimming pools that are not being used. If you cover your pool while on vacation, remember that mosquitoes can also breed in the water that collects on the cover after it rains.

**Use insect repellents** that contain DEET (N, N-Diethyl-meta Toluamide) only as directed by the manufacturer's instructions. *Avoid prolonged and excessive use of DEET. Do not use on infants, and avoid applying higher concentration products directly to the skin of children (apply repellent to clothing and footwear). Avoid using DEET on damaged skin (sunburn, cuts, eczema or psoriasis).*

## Neighborhood watch teams forming

Directly or indirectly we are all affected by crime that has caused injury, financial loss and intimidation. These situations demonstrate vividly the need for community involvement and assistance in crime prevention, reporting and efforts through the Rahway Police Department Neighborhood Watch Program. This community-based crime prevention program is a simple and direct approach toward protecting our community from criminal attacks. The program involves the reduction of criminal opportunity through citizen participation in crime prevention measures, such as being alert and aware,

reporting suspicious and criminal activity to the police, and initiating actions which reduce criminal opportunity.

In these times of reported apathy within our communities, it is encouraging to find the concern and involvement you and your neighbors display with neighborhood watch efforts. The Rahway Police Department stands ready to assist and support you with this program.

**For assistance with this program please contact Detective William Eicholz at (732) 827-2079**

## Pedestrian Safety is a Shared Responsibility!

There is no one cause of crashes involving pedestrians. Pedestrians and motorists must both do their part to keep pedestrians safe. Children and senior citizens are at a higher risk of being struck by a motor vehicle. Special emphasis must be made to educate children and seniors about the importance of walking safely.

### Pedestrians

- Always cross at corners, within marked crosswalks where available.
- Look left, right and left again before crossing. Watch for turning cars.
- Obey traffic signals, especially "Walk/Don't Walk".
- Remain alert! Don't assume that cars are going to stop.
- Wear reflective clothing when walking at night.
- Stay sober. Walking while impaired greatly increases your chances of being struck.

### Children

- Cross at intersections only.
- Never cross from in-between parked cars.
- Before crossing, look left, right and left again and listen for traffic.
- Wear light colored or reflective clothing at night.
- Obey all traffic signs and signals.
- Avoid playing in driveways or on sidewalks near roadways.

### Motorists

- Yield to pedestrians in crosswalks. Failure to yield carries a fine up to \$100.00 and 2 point license penalty (39:4-36).
- Watch for pedestrians when turning right on red.
- Obey speed limits.
- Do not block or park in crosswalks.
- Be alert for pedestrian at all times.

### Seniors

- Walk on sidewalks and cross only at corners, within marked crosswalks.
- Wear bright-colored or reflective clothing, especially at night.
- Look left, right and left again before crossing and be on the lookout for turning vehicles.
- Make eye contact with the driver before crossing in front of a vehicle.
- Learn the proper use of "Walk/Don't Walk" signals.
- Use the buddy system. Walk and cross with others when possible.
- If possible do not walk at night during bad weather such as snow, rain or ice.



# *Grand Opening*

KLAVIERHAUS CONSERVATORY AND HI FI AT UCPAC  
OCTOBER 1 FRIDAY 8:00PM

FEATURING  
ELIO VILAFRANCA AND CHARLES FLORES IN  
LIVE PERFORMANCE AND ON LP

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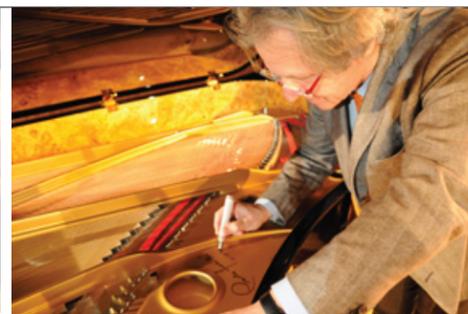
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Paolo Fazioli

LEGEND OF THE WORLD STAGE  
COMES TO RAHWAY'S UCPAC!

THE FAZIOLI PIANO LOFT

The City of Rahway's magnificent F228 Fazioli grand piano, shipped direct from Italy, was unveiled and dedicated on Sunday, February 21 in the Fazioli piano loft at the Union County Performing Arts Center. On Thursday, March 11, Mr. Paolo Fazioli, extraordinary piano maker, visited the Fazioli piano loft at UCPAC

and autographed the City of Rahway's Fazioli grand piano.

The Fazioli piano loft at UCPAC is an intimate space that offers an extraordinary opportunity to experience a piano concert. You are just feet away from the artist and the Fazioli grand piano. You're practically on stage with the music.

**A Grand Performance**

Emmet Cohen of Montclair is an extraordinary talent with a lot of buzz around him. Emmet is a jazz pianist who, at just 20 years old, is already playing famous jazz clubs and music festivals around the world. He is already an award winning musician and has been selected as a finalist for one

of the most prestigious jazz piano awards in the country. With only 5 finalists for the 2011 Cole Porter Fellowship, the competition is sure to be fierce. Emmet is the youngest finalist and stands to win a two-year fellowship (valued at \$75,000) as well as \$50,000, career assistance, publicity, professional fees and other opportunities

worldwide. If you missed his performance in town at the Fazioli Piano Loft, you should consider making the trip to see him at Cecil's (West Orange) or Trumpets (Montclair), where he still performs occasionally.

For more information on the Fazioli Piano Loft please visit: [www.ucpac.org](http://www.ucpac.org).

13th Season



Art Exhibits

Arts Guild New Jersey

Rahway, New Jersey

1670 Irving Street

Rahway, NJ 07065

ph. 732-381-7511

[www.rahwayartsguild.org](http://www.rahwayartsguild.org)

2010

SEP 12 – OCT 7

**COMMUTERS:** An Exhibit of Photography About How We Get To Work

**FEATURED ARTISTS:** Jeff Evans, Maren Friedman, Andrew Glickman, Donald Lokuta, Marco Munoz, Elizabeth Niesouchouski and Garry Waller

OCT 15 – NOV 4

**NEXUS NJ:** The 2010 NJ Juried art Exhibit  
**RECEPTION:** Sunday, Oct 17th, 1– 4 p.m.

NOV 12 – DEC 9

**TEXT/IMAGE:** An Exhibit of Artworks combining representational imagery or abstract forms with letters or words

**RECEPTION:** Sunday, Nov 14th, 1– 4 p.m.  
**FEATURED ARTISTS:** Andrew Leo Baron, Dahlia Elsayed, Kara Rooney, Daniel Genova, Jake Scharbad, Jeanne Brasile, Bonnie Gloris, Rita Maria Salpietro and Louie DeVito

2011

JAN 29 – MAR 3

**CLOSE ENCOUNTERS**

Curated by Rachael Faillace

**RECEPTION:** Sunday, Jan 30th, 1– 4 p.m.

**FEATURED ARTISTS:** Madeleine Bliss, Liz Brown, Derek Buckner, Brian Scott Campbell, Ernest Concepcion, Jason Leinwand and Keary Rosen

MAR 11 – APR 15

**BLING**

Curated by Rachael Faillace

**FEATURED ARTISTS:** David Abecassis, Liz Brown, Karlos Carcamo, Amy Finkbeiner, Karen Fitzgerald, Jill Baker Gower, James Jaxxa, Nancy Staub Laughlin, Rory Mahon, Yeni Mao, Glitter Mortis and Raul Villarreal.



# DID YOU KNOW PET WASTE POLLUTES OUR WATERS?

## What You Can Do To Help Protect Our Water...

Clean and plentiful water is important to our families, our environment, our economy and our quality of life.

**Animal waste from pets can pollute our waters.**

When left on the ground, pet waste is washed by rain and melting snow and ice into storm drains that carry it to our rivers, lakes, the ocean and drinking water.

Animal waste contains a high concentration of nutrients as well as bacteria and disease-causing microorganisms that can cause problems.

**What you can do**

Pet owners or anyone who takes your pet for walks must properly dispose of the waste by picking it up, wrapping it and either placing it in the trash or flushing it unwrapped down the toilet.

Your municipality is required to adopt and enforce local pet-waste laws. At a

minimum, your community must require that pet owners or their keepers immediately and properly dispose of their pet's solid waste deposited on any public or private property not owned or possessed by that person. People with assistance animals such as Seeing Eye dogs are exempt.

Make sure you know what your municipality requires – and follow it.

Thank you for doing your part to keep New Jersey's waters clean.



## RAHWAY MUNICIPAL DIRECTORY

If you get an answering machine when calling any of the following numbers, please leave a message and your call will be returned as soon as possible. All area codes are 732 unless otherwise specified.

**Municipal Offices**

- Accounts Payable ..... 827-2017
- Building Inspector ..... 827-2087
- City Clerk ..... 827-2100
- Community Development ... 827-2193
- Comptroller/Finance ..... 827-2022
- Municipal Court ..... 827-2039
- Economic Development ..... 827-2176
- Emergency Management ... 827-2053
- Engineering ..... 827-2176
- Fire (non emergency) ..... 827-2155
- Fire Prevention Bureau ..... 827-2133
- First Aid ..... 827-2013
- Health Department ..... 827-2085
- Mayor's Office ..... 827-2009
- Municipal Administrator ..... 827-2001
- Police (non emergency) ..... 827-2200
- Public Works ..... 827-2060
- Recreation ..... 669-3600
- Recreation Hot Line ..... 827-2095
- Recycling ..... 827-2159
- Tax Assessor ..... 827-2030
- Tax Collector ..... 827-2050
- United Water ..... (877) 303-2435
- Vital Statistics ..... 827-2085

**Helpful Numbers**

- Board of Education ..... 396-1000
- RWJ Hospital ..... 381-4200
- Rahway 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 Chiefs ..... 827-2191
- Rahway Y.M.C.A. .... 388-0057
- Union County Arts Center ... 499-8226

**Rahway Schools**

- Superintendent's Office ..... 396-1020
- Business Administrator ..... 396-1010
- Services for Children ..... 396-1035
- Rahway High School ..... 396-1100
- Intermediate School ..... 396-1025
- Grover Cleveland School ..... 396-1040
- Franklin School ..... 396-1050
- Madison School ..... 396-1070
- Roosevelt School ..... 396-1060

For more information, please contact the following:

**New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection  
Division of Water Quality  
Bureau of Nonpoint Pollution Control  
Municipal Stormwater Regulation Program  
(609) 633-7021**

Visit [www.njstormwater.org](http://www.njstormwater.org) or  
[www.nonpointsource.org](http://www.nonpointsource.org)

Additional information is also available at  
U. S. Environmental Protection Agency Web sites  
[www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater](http://www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater) or  
[www.epa.gov/nps](http://www.epa.gov/nps)



## CITY OF RAHWAY



### Home Improvement Loans

Qualified homeowners may be eligible for low-interest or 0% interest deferred loans, up to \$25,000.00

Repairs may include—new roofs, windows, bathrooms, kitchens, heating, siding, painting, etc.

**Call (732) 827-2193  
for an application**

Pollution on streets, parking lots and lawns is washed by rain into storm drains, then directly to our drinking water supplies and the ocean and lakes our children play in. Fertilizer, oil, pesticides, detergents, pet waste, grass clippings: You name it and it ends up in our water.

Stormwater pollution is one of New Jersey's greatest threats to clean and plentiful water, and that's why we're all doing something about it.

By sharing the responsibility and making small, easy changes in our daily lives, we can keep common pollutants out of stormwater. It all adds up to cleaner water, and it saves the high cost of cleaning up once it's dirty.

As part of New Jersey's initiative to keep our water clean and plentiful and to meet federal requirements, many municipalities and other public agencies including colleges and military bases must adopt ordinances or other rules prohibiting various activities that contribute to stormwater pollution. Breaking these rules can result in fines or other penalties.

As a resident, business, or other member of the New Jersey community, it is important to know these easy things you can do every day to protect our water.

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

For more information on stormwater related topics, visit:

[www.njstormwater.org](http://www.njstormwater.org) or [www.nonpointsource.org](http://www.nonpointsource.org)

Additional information is also available at U. S. Environmental Protection Agency Web sites:

[www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater](http://www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater) or [www.epa.gov/nps](http://www.epa.gov/nps)

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Division of Water Quality Bureau of Nonpoint Pollution Control Municipal Stormwater Regulation Program: (609) 633-7021

# SOLUTIONS TO STORMWATER POLLUTION: EASY THINGS YOU CAN DO EVERY DAY TO PROTECT OUR WATER

**Limit your use of fertilizers and pesticides**

- Do a soil test to see if you need a fertilizer.
- Do not apply fertilizers if heavy rain is predicted.
- Look into alternatives for pesticides.
- Maintain a small lawn and keep the rest of your property or yard in a natural state with trees and other native vegetation that requires little or no fertilizer.
- If you use fertilizers and pesticides, follow the instructions on the label on how to correctly apply it.

**Properly use and dispose of hazardous products**

- Hazardous products include some household or commercial cleaning products, lawn and garden care products, motor oil, antifreeze, and paints.
- Do not pour any hazardous products down a storm drain because storm drains are usually connected to local waterbodies and the water is not treated.
- If you have hazardous products in your home or workplace, make sure you store or dispose of them properly. Read the

label for guidance.

- Use natural or less toxic alternatives when possible.
- Recycle used motor oil.
- Contact your municipality, county or facility management office for the locations of hazardous-waste disposal facilities.

**Keep pollution out of storm drains**

- Municipalities and many other public agencies are required to mark certain storm drain inlets with messages reminding people that storm drains are connected to local waterbodies.
- Do not let sewage or other wastes flow into a stormwater system.

**Clean up after your pet**

- Many municipalities and public agencies must enact and enforce local pet-waste rules.
- An example is requiring pet owners or their keepers to pick up and properly dispose of pet waste

dropped on public or other people's property.

- Make sure you know your town's or agency's requirements and comply with them. It's the law. And remember to:
- Use newspaper, bags or pooper-scoopers to pick up wastes.
- Dispose of the wrapped pet waste in the trash or unwrapped in a toilet.
- Never discard pet waste in a storm drain.

**Don't feed wildlife**

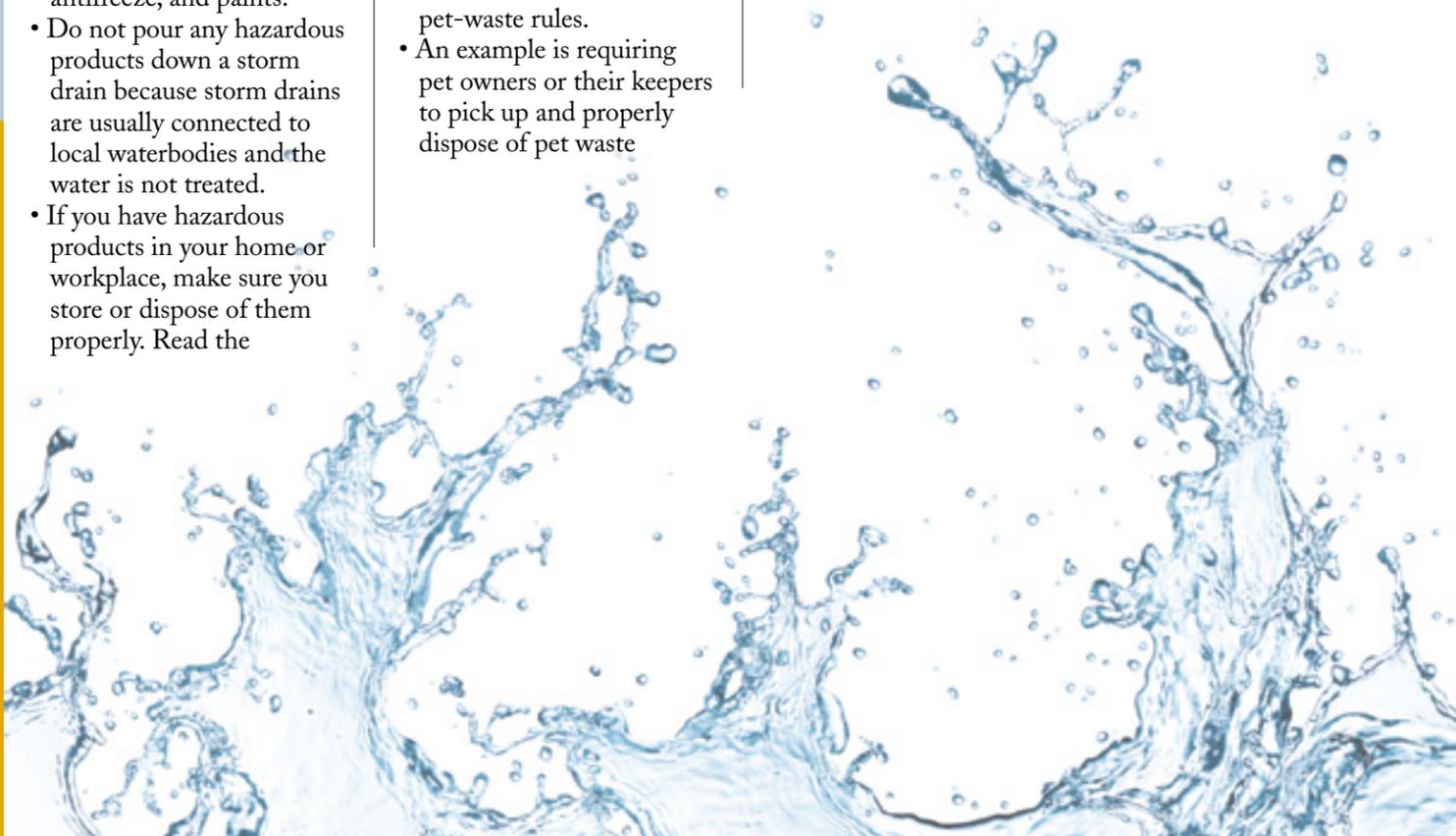
- Do not feed wildlife, such as ducks and geese, in public areas.
- Many municipalities and other public agencies must enact and enforce a rule that prohibits wildlife feeding in these areas.

**Don't litter**

- Place litter in trash receptacles.
- Recycle. Recycle. Recycle.
- Participate in community cleanups.

**Dispose of yard waste properly**

- Keep leaves and grass out of storm drains.
- If your municipality or agency has yard waste collection rules, follow them.
- Use leaves and grass clippings as a resource for compost.
- Use a mulching mower that recycles grass clippings into the lawn.



## CITYWIDE EFFORT IN PLACE TO RESOLVE DOWNTOWN SEWER FLOODING

For many years, heavy rainfalls have caused sanitary sewer flooding in a number of downtown buildings in Rahway. The flooding is being caused primarily by storm drains from private properties that are still connected to a sewer system that, in some areas, was built in the 19th Century and was piped to

discharge into the rivers as a combined sewer system.

Following a mandate from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, the City has been working during the past few decades to separate the storm sewer from the sanitary sewer system within all of the city's rights-of-way.

Private property owners are asked to examine their storm drains so this separation can be completed across the City.

Property owners will soon be receiving information about disconnecting storm drains from the sanitary sewer lateral under the street. In accordance with Chapter 337-38 of the Code of the

City of Rahway, examples of such drains that need to be disconnected are: roof drains, yard drains, driveway and parking area drains, sump pump discharge piping and similar drains.

In addition to causing expensive flooding for downtown homes and businesses, storm water illegally

discharged into the sanitary sewer system costs Rahway sewer customers thousands of dollars each year in additional expenses to treat the runoff and threatens the health of the Rahway River during periods of heavy rain. The cooperation of the public would be greatly appreciated.

A SUCCESS  
DOWNTOWN...

# 2010 HOT RODS & HARLEYS

A few thousand people filled downtown Rahway on Saturday, May 15, 2010 to enjoy "Hot Rods & Harleys," which was sponsored by the Rahway Center Partnership, RSI Bank and Liberty Harley Davidson. Some 75 classic cars and hundreds of motorcycles were also on display, as well as music, food and products sold by downtown merchants.



## 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 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) 827-2073.*

A FRIDAY NIGHT EXCLUSIVE!

**OCT 1 2010**  
**THE SEMI-FINALS**  
**EVENT**  
**DOWNTOWN**  
**RAHWAY**  
**NEW JERSEY**

**\$10 Tickets**  
General Admission

**\$20 Tickets**  
Ringside Seats Only

**\$60 Tickets**  
Special VIP Status

Doors open at 7:30 pm - Bouts begin at 8 pm

VIP tickets include a buffet dinner with beer and wine at Luciano's Italian Ristorante plus ringside seats for the fights!

Pre-show VIP dinner is at 6 pm

All tickets may be purchased at the Rahway Rec Center, payable by check or money order to the City of Rahway. **Info: 732-669-3600**



The City Division of Solid Waste and Recycling recently took delivery of two 25 yard Crane Carrier garbage trucks. The trucks were purchased via public bid from Airbrake & Equipment of Hillside at a cost of approximately \$484,000. They will be replacing two 12 year-old trucks that have become too costly to maintain.

From left are Acting Public Works Superintendent Bob Farr, Mayor James Kennedy and Mike Presley and Mike Smalling of the Division of Solid Waste and Recycling.



## Leaf collection begins November 3

Rahway's leaf collection season will begin on November 3 and will run through the end of the year. Starting November 3, 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.

## Rahway Center Partnership

**Chairman** – Tom McTamney  
**Vice Chairman** – Mark Ragan  
**Treasurer** – Don Godfrey

### RCP Downtown Business Highlights

Enjoy a sumptuous dinner and drinks, or a bit of shopping while you're checking out the expanding Arts District!

**CUBANU**  
**1467 Main Street**  
**Rahway, NJ 07065**  
**(732) 499-7134**  
**www.cubanu.com**  
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For more information visit [www.cityofrahway.com](http://www.cityofrahway.com) or call (732) 669-3600

# city of rahway events

## OCT NOV DEC

Join us downtown for First Thursdays every month – Events start at 6 p.m.

**October 1**  
 Diamond Gloves Boxing Semi-Finals  
 Doors open @ 7:30 p.m.  
 Rahway Recreation Center

Klavierhaus Conservatory and Hi Fi Grand Opening  
 Doors open @ 8 p.m.  
 UCPAC

**October 7**  
 Farmers Market  
 From 12 p.m. till 6 p.m.  
 Rahway Train Station.

**October 10**  
 Card Show  
 From 9 a.m. till 3 p.m.  
 Rahway Senior Citizens Center  
 1306 Esterbrook Ave.

**October 14**  
 Farmers Market  
 From 12 p.m. till 6 p.m.  
 Rahway Train Station.

**October 15 thru November 4**  
 NEXUS NJ 2010 Juried NJ Art Exhibit at the Arts Guild New Jersey Reception:  
 Sun Oct 17 1-4 p.m.

**October 15**  
 Fall Windows Painting  
 From 8 a.m. till 3 p.m.  
 Downtown.

**October 16**  
 2010 Health Fair  
 From 9 a.m. till noon.  
 Rahway Recreation Center

**November 14**  
 Card Show  
 From 9 a.m. till 3 p.m.  
 Rahway Senior Citizens Center  
 1306 Esterbrook Ave.

**November 26**  
 Tree Lighting  
 From 7 p.m. till 10 p.m.  
 City Hall Plaza.  
 Corner of Milton Ave. & Main St.

**Holiday Craft Fair**  
 From 5 p.m. till 10 p.m.  
 Rahway Recreation Center

**December 12**  
 Card Show  
 From 9 a.m. till 3 p.m.  
 Rahway Senior Citizens Center  
 1306 Esterbrook Ave.



## Rahway Senior Clubs

The following clubs meet at the Rahway Senior Center:

- **A.A.R.P. Chapter #607**  
meets 2nd Thursday of the month at 12 noon
- **Ladies Golden Age Club**  
meets every Monday at 12:15 p.m.
- **Merck Retirees**  
meets 1st Tuesday every month at 1 p.m.
- **Rahway Retired Men's Club**  
meets every Monday at 1 p.m.
- **Retired Railroaders**  
meets the 1st Saturday of the month at 11 p.m.
- **Union County Minority Task Force**  
meets every other 1st Friday of the month at 12 noon

If interested in joining, please call (732) 827-2016 for more information



*Rick Proctor, Director of Health and Senior Services*

## RAHWAY'S UNIQUE

# SENIORSCENE

For more information on any item listed below, please call the Rahway Division of Senior Services at  
**(732) 827-2016**

## 10/21 LiGreci's Trip

The Rahway Division of Senior Services is sponsoring a trip to LiGreci's Staaten in Staten Island, NY on Thursday, October 21. The trip is \$55 with no refunds after Thursday, October 1. The trip includes bus transportation, show and a lunch. Mike Byrne's All-Star Productions will present the show, "Golden Oldies," with music from the 50s and 60s performed by Mikey & The Reflections. The bus will leave from the Rahway Senior Center, 1306 Esterbrook Ave. at 10:30 a.m. and return at approximately 4:30 p.m.

## 12/03 Mount Haven Trip

The Rahway Division of Senior Services is sponsoring a trip to Mount Haven Resort in Milford, Pennsylvania on Friday, December 3. The trip is \$55 with no refunds after Friday, November 19. The day will include a country breakfast buffet, all-you-can-eat buffet at 3:15 p.m., four-hour open bar and live entertainment. The bus will leave from the Rahway Senior Center, 1306 Esterbrook Ave. at 8:30 a.m. and return at approximately 6 p.m.

## Wednesdays Introduction to the Internet

The City of Rahway Division of Senior Services will be offering the class, "Introduction to the Internet," in collaboration with the Rahway Public Library.

During the three weeks you will set up an e-mail account and learn how to search the web. Class size is limited to five people and the classes will begin on Wednesdays October 3, November 3 and December 1 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. or 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The classes will be \$5 and you can sign up at the Rahway Senior Center, 1306 Esterbrook Ave.

These classes are being made possible by a grant from Rahway Senior Housing Corp.

## Happy Birthday! 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, 1306 Esterbrook Ave. 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.

## Homeowners Senior Handyman Program

The Rahway Senior Handyman program is for Rahway's seniors, 62 years older, who own their own home and earn under \$44,800 for a single person household and \$51,200 for a couple. Income limits will increase by \$4,000 for each additional person in the household. You can register for the program now by filling out a data and income application at the Rahway Senior Center at 1306 Esterbrook Ave. Proof of income and insurance must be provided.

Types of repairs that can be done are caulking, repairing a leaky faucet, installing smoke alarms, replacing door handles, minor carpentry and other small repairs. The labor will be free, but the homeowner must supply some materials. No yard work, emergency services, house cleaning or roof repairs will be done.



*Seniors enjoy lunch and good times at the annual Senior Picnic at Hart Street Park.*

## CITY OF RAHWAY: FLOOD PROTECTION INFORMATION

THE CITY OF RAHWAY is a participant in a federally subsidized program that enables property owners to purchase flood insurance with a 15% discount on their flood insurance premiums. 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 article is being sent to you because the City of Rahway has many flood prone areas and your property may be susceptible to flooding.

### 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, most 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. Following the purchase of flood insurance, NFIP imposes a 30-day waiting period, so residents should purchase insurance before the onset of the rainy season to ensure coverage during the flooding season. You can find out if your property is located in a special flood hazard area through the Office of the City Engineer at (732) 827-2176.

### 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. Flooding occurs in Rahway because the flood carrying capacities of the river channels are exceeded, which is caused by a number of factors, such as record rainfall intensities and increased impervious surfaces due to upstream development. 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. The City also has copies of elevation certificates for some properties in the floodplain. City staff members are available to undertake site visits, if requested and authorized, to review flood, drainage, and sewer issues. Please contact the Engineering Department at (732) 827-2176 for this service.

### Flood safety

Following is a list of important considerations that should be followed during times of flooding:

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. Do not 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 NJ 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;
- c) Elevate electrical and mechanical equipment in the basement;
- d) Flood proof walls, windows and doors;
- e) Construct flood walls or closures;
- f) The most effective way to flood-proof a structure is to elevate it.
- g) During times of flooding, homes that have not been retrofitted can be protected during emergencies by the installation of sandbags.

### 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 and may require a permit. Contact the Office of the City Engineer at (732) 827-2176 for further information and prior to undertaking any activity within the floodplain or if you see non-permitted building or filling in the floodplain.

Recognize the natural and beneficial functions of floodplains to help reduce flooding.

Floodplains are a natural component of the City of Rahway environment. Understanding and protecting the natural functions of floodplains help reduce flood damage and protect resources.

When flooding spreads out across the floodplain, its energy is dissipated, which results in lower flood flows downstream, reduced erosion of the stream bank and channel, deposition of sediments higher in the watershed, and improved groundwater recharge. Floodplains are scenic, valued wildlife habitats, and suitable for residential gardening.

Poorly planned development in floodplains can lead to stream bank erosion, loss of valuable property, increased risk of flooding to downstream properties, and degradation of water quality. A number of County and Municipal parks like the Rahway River Parkway and Milton Lake Park preserve the stream corridor and prevent development in perpetuity.

### 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 at (732) 827-2176.

### 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.

Map of the local flood hazard area:

To determine whether your property is located within a special flood hazard area, FEMA's Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) are available at the Office of the City Engineer at One City Hall Plaza, Rahway, NJ 07065. The maps are also available at the City of Rahway's website at <http://www.cityofrahway.com> or FEMA's Map Service Center website at [www.msc.fema.gov](http://www.msc.fema.gov).



### Important Contact Information:

**City of Rahway Internet Home Page:**  
<http://www.cityofrahway.com>

**Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)**  
Phone: (425) 487-4600  
Web: <http://www.fema.gov/nfip>

**FEMA Map Service Center:**  
<http://www.msc.fema.gov>

**The National Flood Insurance Program:**  
<http://www.fema.gov/business.nfip>

**City of Rahway Public Library:**  
<http://catalog.rahway.org>

**Hiring a Contractor:**  
<http://www.state.nj.us/lps/ca/contractors/consumercont.htm>

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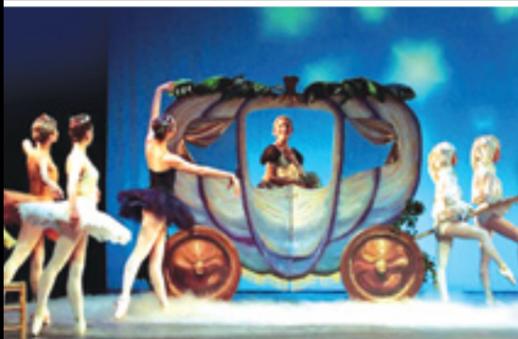
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