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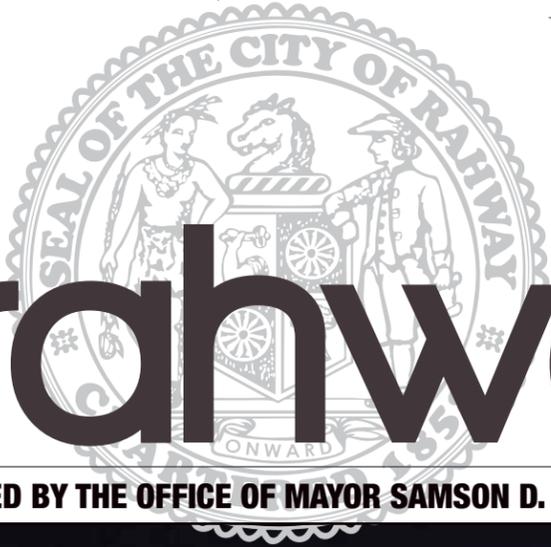
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CELEBRATE HAMILTON!



Pictured: Elliot from Honor Amongst Thieves at the "Raconteurs & Roustabouts" event.

Hamilton Stage for the Performing Arts celebrates its 1st Year Anniversary

Opened in September 2012, the Hamilton Stage has been forging ahead with over 150 performances this past year. The Hamilton Stage hosts an extraordinary group of performers-in-residence and presents a full roster of concerts, plays, ballets, readings, films, art openings, benefits, and classes featuring an extraordinary blend of international, national, and local talent.

On Wednesday, November 6 through November 24, the American Theater Group will present "Bubble Boy: The Musical" a romantic comedy written by the Hollywood script team of Cinco Paul and Ken Daurio (creators of Despicable Me, and The Lorax). *cont'd pg. 5*



@Hamilton Stage Nov 6 - 24

Photo: Charles Laskowski

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RAHWAY ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING!

Friday, Nov. 29 at 7 PM

This favorite annual event takes place in front of City Hall featuring the Rahway High School Band and Chorus. Santa arrives by fire truck to light the tree. Take your own photos with Santa immediately afterward in the Council Chambers.



COMING TO HAMILTON STAGE IN NOVEMBER

SPLIT LEVEL CONCERTS AT HAMILTON STAGE PRESENTS:

STEVE FORBERT

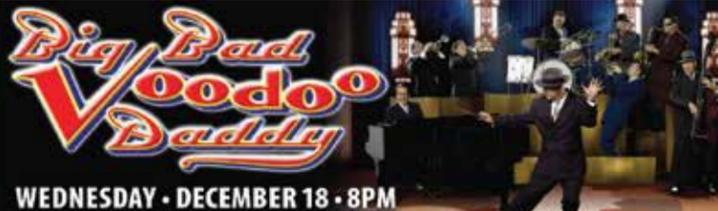
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COMING TO UCPAC IN DECEMBER

Big Bad Voodoo Daddy

WEDNESDAY • DECEMBER 18 • 8PM





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Mayor Samson D. Steinman

from
**the
mayor's
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I was sworn into office as the 50th Mayor of the City of Rahway on September 25, 2013. I greatly appreciate the support displayed by the Rahway City Council and I look forward to collaborating with them, as we continue to undertake the business of the City of Rahway. The City work force has worked diligently and professionally to make this transition of a new administration without any interruptions to the public. At this time, there are several areas worthy of discussion:

STORM PREPAREDNESS

On my first day as Mayor, storm preparedness became a priority. The State of New Jersey and the Union County Board Of Chosen Freeholders were instrumental in assisting the Rahway Department of Public Works in cleaning large masses of debris from the waterways, in addition to cleaning the areas around all bridges. This will be a continuous, year round effort. Further, funds currently budgeted for, resulting in no additional cost to taxpayers, were shifted to reinforcing the levee and replacing the storm water floodgates within the City's Flood Control Levee System. Combined with the previous steps of purchasing flood water rescue equipment, upgrading generators at the Pump Stations and enhancements to the Dock Street Pump Station, we will be better able to respond to future weather related emergencies.

POLICE OUTREACH

Working with the Rahway Police Department, several new initiatives have been started to better inform all residents of situations in their neighborhood. The Rahway Police are now on Twitter, Facebook and Nixle. The RPD will continuously post updates on all types of activity that occurs in Rahway.

It has been the City of Rahway, the institutions and the residents of the community that have prepared me to serve in the position of Mayor.

Also, the Rahway Police Department has already begun going "DOOR-TO-DOOR" in neighborhoods as part of our newly designed COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM. If certain criminal activity occurs, we are going to knock on your door and inform you, the resident, about the situation. If you are not home, we will leave informational flyers on your door handle to keep you informed. This proactive approach has already resulted in an arrest!

REDEVELOPMENT

Residents often ponder the redevelopment process and

potential outcomes. In Rahway, we have built the groundwork to create a sustainable community through transit oriented development. Consumer demand for livable communities with mass transit opportunities are soaring because of rising costs of purchasing homes for single professionals, young families, empty nesters and couples without children. For example, the A & M Industries along Campbell Street will be transformed from an industrial site into "Metro Rahway", a four story rental community adjacent to the Rahway Train Station. Presently, the residential occupancy rates for these new properties in Rahway are 97%, proving this dwelling segment is in demand. Within the next year many more plans for improving our community will be announced!

It has been the City of Rahway, the institutions and the residents of the community that have prepared me to serve in the position of Mayor. A Rahway education, 30 years of community service, elected experience as a Board of Education Member and City Council President has instilled the necessary knowledge needed to move our city into the future. I vow to work tirelessly for our great City of Rahway and I look forward to the challenges ahead.





CITY OF RAHWAY UPDATES

Rahway Summer STEM Camp Inspires Kids to Greater Heights!

PART OF U.S. GOAL TO BOOST SCIENCE, MATH INTEREST



Rahway High School Robotics Team

When can you get a group of 55 boys and girls, ages 10-13 to put down the video games, turn off the TV, remove the personal music device buds and pick up the calculators, notebooks, and work on Lab reports?

September, right? Imagine them doing this in July! That is precisely what happens when you enroll them in an ultra-stimulating environment where learning is fun and relevant to the task at hand, in this case, building and fine tuning remote control race cars.

This is the second year for the Rahway 7th and 8th grade Academy's STEM camp, and enrollment has nearly doubled from last year. The STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) camp was divided into two groups with two district teachers per group. These teachers come from different disciplines and complemented each other. The students are involved with design, engineering and fine tuning of the vehicles, all with the common goal of increased performance. Careful observations, calculations, graphing and problem solving occur throughout the process. Students are required to document all work in lab journals.

Did we mention race cars?

There is plenty of time allotted to test the cars on the gymnasium sized race track. Driver training is also a part of the process. Students are engaged, excited and learning while they are competing and enjoying the races. They were even paid a visit by the award winning Rahway High School Robotics Team #1228, who brought their 2013 Frisbee shooting robot in for a demonstration. The Rahway Academy now offers a Robotics class, and the high school is offering a STEM specialization for students, with many opportunities for students to compete in Robotics, design, etc. We will prepare our students to be able to compete and succeed in the quickly changing world environment.

Rahway Police:

Helping to keep you and your family safe and informed

The Rahway Police Department is utilizing a new communications service which enables them to send important, valuable community information directly to residents using the latest technology.

The Nixle Community Information Service can create and publish messages to subscribed residents instantly via cell phone, text message and/or email. Notifications can also be accessed online at Nixle's web site at www.nixle.com. Messages may include weather warnings, construction and road closure information, as well as alerts and other relevant safety and community event information. This service is reliable and free. There is NO spam and no hidden cost. (Standard text messaging rates do apply.)

Nixle builds on the foundations of other public-to-public communication services,

such as Twitter and Facebook, but adds a key component - security. When citizens receive information from the Rahway Police Department via Nixle, they know it can be trusted. Residents of Rahway and those in neighboring communities can immediately begin receiving pertinent information via text message, email and web by registering at www.nixle.com.

Stay up-to-date on happenings in your neighborhood! Notifications can also be accessed online at Nixle's web site at www.nixle.com.



Like us! Contact the Rahway Police Department on Facebook at:

www.facebook.com/rahwaypolice

Rahway Police Youth Academy



The Rahway Police Department would like to congratulate the 12th class of the Rahway Police Youth Academy.

The City Continues to Repair Hurricane Sandy Damages, Including Mitigation to Minimize Future Flooding

Within this year's capital improvement budget, and in addition to the Annual Roadway Improvement project, the City will have repaired the damages to the right-of-way pavement, curb, sidewalks and restoration due to fallen trees during Sandy. The Department of Public Works has already repaired some of the damaged sites. An example of this work can be seen in the photos of 97 E. Milton Ave; after the storm, and the clean-up.

Regarding future flooding mitigation, stormwater flood gates will be replaced at the Pump Stations within the City's Flood Control Levee System. In addition, the top of the levee is going to be re-leveled and restored, which was damaged when Hurricane Sandy's tidal surge over-topped the levee.

The photos show the resulting debris, erosion and accumulation.



97 E. Milton Ave - After Sandy



97 E. Milton Ave - After DPW Clean-up



Levee Erosion



Debris Accumulation

Friends Plan Busy 2014 Schedule to Celebrate Library's 10th Anniversary

Book sales, birthday parties, and races, oh my!

The Friends of the Rahway Public Library are planning a busy 2014 to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the library opening at its current City Hall Plaza location.

For those unaware, the library was previously on St. Georges Ave. where the tennis courts are now located, and was moved after being flooded during Hurricane Floyd in 1999. It will be 10 years in 2014 that the library will be at its present location, and the

library plans to commemorate this with events nearly every month.

A highlight of the year-long celebration will be a library birthday party in March 2014, an upscale reception during the evening featuring wine and cheese, hors d'oeuvres, speakers, fundraising raffles, and more. The Friends will be working in concert with the Library Board of Trustees to ensure this is an event to remember. Events that we have held over the past few years will also return. The Friend's Annual Book Sale will take place

once again in April (9th-12th), and we look forward to receiving donations of gently used books, DVDs, and CDs beginning in January. Also making a return during Rahway Day in May will be the "Amazing Rahway Race," the scavenger hunt around town that had teams competing to solve clues, pick up objects, and return back to the library plaza first. Teams that competed previously in this race know what great fun it is, and we're already working on mind-boggling clues for the 2014 edition.



ENCOURAGING YOUTH: RITES OF PASSAGE

The Rahway Local Organizing Committee will begin their 6th year sponsoring and administering the Rites of Passage Program. This program is designed to encourage our community's youth to become analytical thinkers, reconnect to their culture, and achieve their highest potential. The program is open to all Rahway High students who are willing to participate and make a commitment of time and energy. The Rites of Passage Program offers a comprehensive curriculum that runs for 24 weeks. Workshop topics include: ethics and morals, personal growth and development, alcohol and drug prevention, health and

wellness, African-American history, goal setting, resume writing, economic empowerment, along with many other pertinent topics. In addition to workshops, the program takes students on educational field trips.

The Rights of Passage Program has both national and local professionals involved with the curriculum and activities, including experts in all areas of interest, most notably – Dr. Molefi Kete Asant and Dr. Ama Mazama, professors at Temple University. The program is spearheaded by Rosalyn Smith, and the dedicated members of the Rahway Local Organizing Committee.

Save these dates! For more info, visit us online at www.rahwaylibrary.org

Progressive Dinner

Wednesday, Nov. 13

Appetizers will be served at Cubanu, dinner at the Rail House, and dessert at Flynn's. Tickets can be purchased for \$45 at the Rahway Public Library.

All About Kwanza!

Saturday, Dec. 28, 2 PM

With library board member Vanessa Rozzelle. Learn all about Kwanza with a story, music, craft, and refreshments! All ages.

New Year's Noon!

Tues., Dec. 31, 11 AM - 12 PM

Kids of all ages: A story, craft, and toast to your friends. Watch the mirror ball drop at the stroke of 12:00—Noon that is!

Rahway Valley JerseyAires Singing at the Library

Monday Feb. 3, 6:30 - 7:30 PM

The Library will host a performance of the Rahway Valley Jerseyaires, a male a cappella chorus in Rahway, NJ. Come enjoy barbershop, bebop,

do-wop and other music. Learn how you can join this male a cappella chorus!

Career Showcase

Monday, Mar. 3, 6:00 - 7:45 PM

Teens and adults will have the opportunity to talk to a variety of professionals from many different fields. Learn the requirements, challenges, and rewards from current professionals!

Annual Used Book Sale

Wed., April 9 – Sat., April 12

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

- Building Inspector 827-2087
- City Clerk 827-2100
- Community Development ... 827-2193
- Comptroller/Finance 827-2020
- Municipal Court 827-2039
- Economic Development 827-2176
- Emergency Management ... 827-2120
- 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
- RWJU Hospital at Rahway ... 381-4200
- Rahway Library..... 340-1551
- NJ Transit..... (973) 275-5555
- P.A.L. Hot Line 827-2097
- Parking Authority 381-8778
- Post Office 388-3264
- Rahway Redevelopment Agency 827-2193
- Rahway Y.M.C.A. 388-0057
- Union County Performing Arts Center 499-8226

Rahway Schools

- Superintendent's Office 396-1020
- Business Administrator 396-1010
- Services for Children 396-1035
- Rahway High School 396-1090
- 7th & 8th Grade Academy ... 396-1025
- Grover Cleveland School..... 396-1040
- Franklin School 396-1050
- Madison School 396-1070
- Roosevelt School 396-1060

News From Senator Nicholas Scutari, Assemblyman Jerry Green and Assemblywoman Linda Stender

We are pleased to announce that the legislation we have sponsored which would deny anyone on the FBI Terrorist Watchlist a firearms identification card or permit was recently signed into law. The new statute would disqualify a person named on the consolidated Terrorist Watchlist maintained by the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Terrorist Screening Center from being issued either a firearm's identification card or a permit to purchase a handgun. The law is effective immediately.



In addition, last week, the Governor also signed our legislation, S2842/A4241 which will bring relief to children suffering from debilitating conditions. Inspired by one of the 22nd districts youngest residents, two year old Vivian Wilson,

children will now be able to access edible forms of medical marijuana. This treatment has proven to be beneficial to patients of Dravet Syndrome, a rare epileptic disorder which Vivian has.

We are proud of our work for the residents of the 22nd Legislative District. If we can ever be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us at anytime.

Senator Nicholas Scutari..... (908) 587-0404
Assemblyman Jerry Green..... (908) 561-5757
Assemblywoman Linda Stender (908) 668-1900



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YOUR GUIDE TO ARTS & BUSINESS IN DOWNTOWN RAHWAY

ARTS RAHWAY



New Musical Bubbles Up a Rahway-Broadway Connection

From Nov. 6-24, Union County Performing Arts Center's Hamilton Stage will host the trial run of a new Broadway-bound production titled *Bubble Boy: The Musical*.

A romantic comedy by Hollywood writers Cinco Paul and Ken Daurio (creators of the hit films *Despicable Me*, *Despicable Me II* and *The Lorax*), *Bubble Boy: The Musical* is based on Paul and Daurio's 2001 *Bubble Boy* film starring Jake Gyllenhaal, Swoosie Kurtz and Marley Shelton.

The musical follows the improbably heroic odyssey of teenager Jimmy Livingston, born without immunities and forced to live in an antiseptic isolation room. When Jimmy learns the love of his life Chloe is getting married, he builds a "bubble suit" and bounces across the U.S. to stop the wedding, encountering a hilarious assortment of characters — cults, bikers, a mystical ice cream truck driver and the greatest obstacle of all — his controlling mother.

Bubble Boy: The Musical A New Musical By Cinco Paul And Ken Daurio

Bubble Boy: The Musical runs Nov. 6-24 at UC PAC's Hamilton Stage, 360 Hamilton St., Rahway, NJ. Tickets available online at www.ucpac.org, in person at UCPAC box office at 1601 Irving St., Rahway, or by calling (732) 499-8226.

Hamilton Stage audiences got a preview of the play last year, when it was presented by Rahway's American Theater Group as a reading in the prestigious Cy Coleman New American Musical Series sponsored by the ASPCAP Foundation, with famed playwright Stephen Schwartz as artistic advisor.

"This is an incredible time for new American musicals," said Jim Vagias. "We believe the collaboration between our company and Hamilton Stage is going to spotlight Rahway as a focal point for arts innovation."

"The response to our Rahway reading was incredible," said American Theater Group co-producer Joe Mancuso. "We were able to hone in on the details that bring a show to the next level of perfection. Which for the audience, translates as terrific entertainment."

Stephen Schwartz concurred. "The main thing is to have a good show," he said of the Hamilton Stage reading. "We tried to make sure there was a little edge to the story. When you do it right, it's a remarkable thing."

The upcoming Hamilton Stage production is directed by Jen Wineman, whose most recent productions include *Judgment of Paris*, *Lessons for an Unaccustomed Bride*, *Lines in Code* and a stage adaptation of Virginia Woolf's novel *Orlando*.

Bubble Boy: The Musical is the second show in American Theatre Group's new season at Hamilton Stage, which also will see productions by StrangeDog Theatre Company, Bullet Theatre Collaborative and Pages of History.

Founded by New Jersey theatre professors Jim Vagias, Joe Mancuso and Rick Sordelet, and under the board leadership of former Rahway Mayor James J. Kennedy, State Senators Raymond Lesniak and Thomas Kean, Jr. American Theater Group is looking to use Hamilton Stage as a launching pad for homegrown theatre productions.



Wizards of Winter

UC PAC • Thursday, December 12 • 8:00 PM

Performing The Trans Siberian Orchestra's Greatest Hits: Christmas Eve Sarajevo, Old City Bar, Christmas Cannon Rock, Queen of the Winter Night, and many others, plus music from their own album.

Featuring some of the mid-Atlantic's finest rock and progressive musicians, The Wizards of Winter reprise much of the Trans-Siberian Orchestra's Christmas and classical catalogue. During 2011 the band released their own album based on original Christmas material entitled "Tales Beneath a Northern Star" in a similar but unique style. WOW will bring their musical intensity, stage theatrics and holiday fun to the Union County Performing Arts Center's stage this December! This 11 member ensemble boasts soaring vocal harmonies, precision string instrumentation, powerful percussion and stunning keyboard work, layered around a rich storyboard that evokes December's past! Celebrate the holiday season with Wizards of Winter!

Annual Talent Showcase

Friday, March 28 • 7:00 PM
Hamilton Stage

All tickets \$10. Auditions for children ages 8-17 and adults ages 18 and up will be held on Friday, November 8 at 7 PM in the Recreation Center.

Download a registration form and submit to the



Recreation Department in advance at www.cityofrahway.com/recreation.htm.

Public Art Makeover for Downtown in Full Swing



Photo: Tom Nalewajko

A new mural by students in the Rahway Mural Lab is installed on Irving Street.

Pictured from left to right: Mayor Samson D. Steinman, Abisola Atilola, Sydney Henriksen, Shermine Saint-Elien, Kami Beckford, Rahway Arts District Executive Director Rachael Faillace. Other participants not pictured: Elijah Burns, Victoria Vega, Kiyana McMorris, Jillian Devitt.



ARTS GUILD NEW JERSEY : FALL / WINTER 2013 ART EXHIBITS



By The Numbers (More or Less)

Curated by Donna Gustafson (Zimmerli Museum)

October 13-November 7, 2013

Reception: Sunday, October 13, 1-4 PM



HERE, NOT THERE/ Curated by Jackie Cruz (City Without Walls Gallery)

Works by 11 artists on themes of the environment, public spaces, landscape and the outdoors.

November 17-December 12, 2013

Reception: Sunday, November 17, 1-4 PM

Community: Members/Student/Faculty Exhibit

January 12-February 6, 2014

Reception: Sunday, January 12, 1-4 PM

Fall Art Workshops For Adults:

THERMOFAX SCREENPRINTING

Instructor: Lisa Conrad

This workshop will introduce an alternative screen printing method using an old machine called Thermofax. These machines, created by 3M, were introduced in the 1950's to create photocopies and transparencies using infrared energy. As the original use became obsolete with the advent of copy machines, tattoo artists and printmakers adopted them for use in their artistry. Each student will create one unique screen and learn how to print their image using screen printing ink and a squeegee. Additional screens are available at an additional cost.

Members: \$70 Non-Members: \$80, plus \$10 screen fee (\$80/\$90)

Saturday, November 16, 2013

10:00 AM — 2:00 PM

Senior Center Annex, 125 West Milton Avenue

Gallery Location:

Arts Guild NJ

1670 Irving Street

Gallery hours:

Sat & Sun, 1-4 PM

and by appointment.

Call (732) 381-7511

artsguild1670@verizon.net

Executive Director:

Lawrence Cappiello

All exhibitions are free to the public and wheelchair accessible



Business Workshops for the Arts Community

The mPOWER SERIES: The Business of Art For Artists: Marketing, Media, Websites, Internet Money Management, Contracts, Royalties etc. Visit our website for dates and details: www.agnj.org or call (732) 381-7511 email: info@agnj.org

A swift infusion of Art can transform the most ordinary public space, and it's been happening all over Rahway this summer.

Arts Guild New Jersey's iconic lawn sculpture was repainted by Rahway artist J.D. McGuire and given an exciting new spin, incorporating elements from classic paintings by Leonardo da Vinci, Amerighi da Caravaggio, and Johannes Vermeer.

Woodbridge artist Glenn Murgacz imprinted the townscape with three outdoor sculptures located at the train station plaza, behind Union County Performing Arts Center and in front of UC PAC's Hamilton Stage on Hamilton Street.

"Public art is a major part of creative placemaking," says Rahway Mayor Samson D. Steinman. "For a number of years, plans have been circulating for a sculpture

walk. With Glenn's and J.D.'s works kicking things off, we're hoping to find more Rahway area sculptors interested in contributing to the project."

"Public art is a major part of creative placemaking,"

— Mayor Samson D. Steinman

The Rahway Mural Lab is growing a new crop of teen artists eager to make a mark on their community. The first mural celebrating the Rahway River can be found on Irving Street, between Elizabeth and Elm Aves.

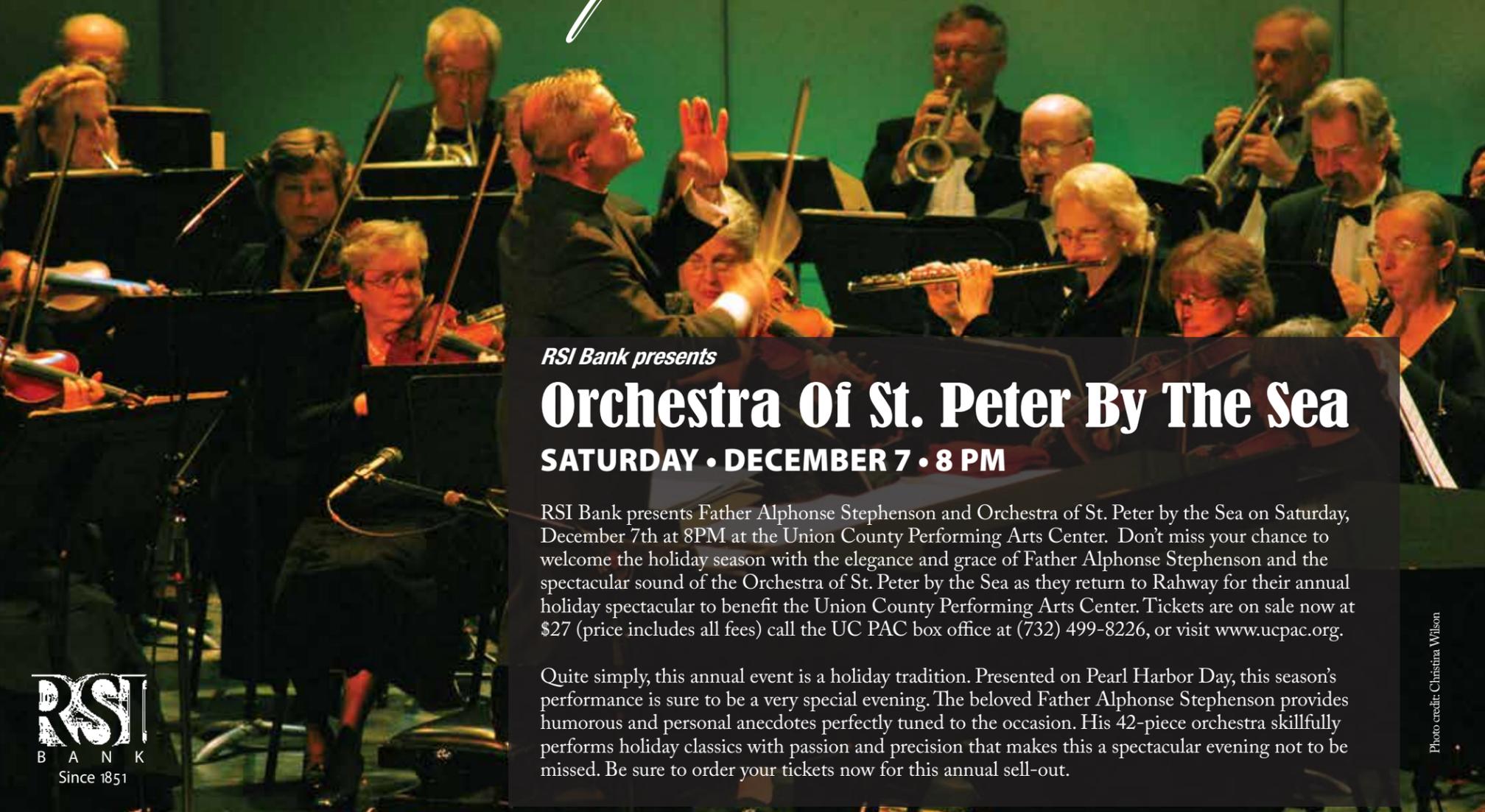
"The lab gives students an opportunity to participate in all levels of large-scale art production," says Rachael Faillace, executive director of Rahway Arts District Inc. "At the end, they get to enjoy the final product as a part of their everyday environment."

The 96-year-old YMCA building on Irving Street is completing a major renovation that merges artist lofts and work studios and public program areas into a vibrant oasis for visual arts — more than 11,300 square feet of new downtown arts activity space. "This will give us the chance for collaborations and endless opportunities all wrapped into the YMCA's total health and well-being experience," says branch executive Gerry Gessie.



For more information on Rahway Arts District's community art projects, visit ArtsRahway.com.

A Holiday Tradition Continues...



RSI Bank presents

Orchestra Of St. Peter By The Sea

SATURDAY • DECEMBER 7 • 8 PM

RSI Bank presents Father Alphonse Stephenson and Orchestra of St. Peter by the Sea on Saturday, December 7th at 8PM at the Union County Performing Arts Center. Don't miss your chance to welcome the holiday season with the elegance and grace of Father Alphonse Stephenson and the spectacular sound of the Orchestra of St. Peter by the Sea as they return to Rahway for their annual holiday spectacular to benefit the Union County Performing Arts Center. Tickets are on sale now at \$27 (price includes all fees) call the UC PAC box office at (732) 499-8226, or visit www.ucpac.org.

Quite simply, this annual event is a holiday tradition. Presented on Pearl Harbor Day, this season's performance is sure to be a very special evening. The beloved Father Alphonse Stephenson provides humorous and personal anecdotes perfectly tuned to the occasion. His 42-piece orchestra skillfully performs holiday classics with passion and precision that makes this a spectacular evening not to be missed. Be sure to order your tickets now for this annual sell-out.



Photo credit: Christina Wilson

Split Level Concerts

A New Level of Entertainment



David Johansen



SPLIT LEVEL CONCERTS
AT HAMILTON STAGE



Jeanne Jolly



Mieka Pauley

Split Level Concerts originated as a birthday bash in 2000 when gifted singer-songwriter Willie Nile was invited to perform in Arlene and Mark Klemow's living room for Mark's 40th birthday. Nearly 50 friends & relatives packed the small split-level home's living room – bearing witness to a most special rockin' and intimate musical event. Exhilarated, Arlene and Mark made a lengthy list of all the other musical artists they would love to showcase in their home. Split Level Concerts was conceived that night.

Over the next eleven years, Arlene and Mark presented 60 shows in their living room and another 13 at their local Jewish Community Center. Some of their many musical guests included Shannon

McNally, Garland Jeffreys, James Maddock, Tim Easton, Vance Gilbert, Jill Sobule, Slaid Cleaves, Rod Picott, and Greg Trooper.

Then, on a hot day during the summer of 2011, they met the good folks at the landmark Union County Performing Arts Center in Rahway, NJ. UC PAC offered up their 70 seat Loft space as a new home for Split Level Concerts. While the room is very intimate, it also has the amenities of tiered seating, professional sound, and artistic lighting. Heaven, really.

Thus began a new chapter when Arlene and Mark and UC PAC kicked off Split Level Concerts in The Loft. To date Ari Hest, Jill Sobule, Jules Shear, Amy Correia,

Michael McDermott, Kim Richey, Griffin House, Tracy Grammer and Erin McKeown (to name a few) have already performed there. It gets better...

With the opening in 2012 of UC PAC's beautiful Hamilton Stage, a sparkling 200 seat theater, Split Level Concerts now has another venue in which to showcase the best singer-songwriters on the scene today. Their first show at Hamilton Stage took place in January, 2013. Arlene and Mark could think of no one better to kick things off than the guy who got it started way back in 2000 – Willie Nile. Since that night, Garland Jeffreys, James Maddock, and Livingston Taylor all performed at Hamilton Stage before Willie returned on September 20th to help celebrate the first anniversary of the venue's opening.



Garland Jeffreys

The 2013-2014 Split Level season is now in full swing. Upcoming concerts include:

Mieka Pauley	Nov 23	The Loft
Steve Forbert	Nov 29	Hamilton Stage
Jeanne Jolly	Dec 14	The Loft
Peter Karp and Sue Foley	Dec 31	Hamilton Stage
Catie Curtis	Feb 8	Hamilton Stage
Drew Nelson	Feb 22	The Loft
Carsie Blanton	Mar 22	The Loft
Rod Picott	Apr 19	The Loft
Cliff Eberhardt	May 3	The Loft

For more info, visit www.ucpac.org



Steve Forbert



UNION COUNTY PERFORMING ARTS CENTER'S HAMILTON STAGE

CELEBRATING SEASON TWO

UC PAC'S HAMILTON STAGE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS MARKED SEASON TWO IN SEPTEMBER WITH A FULL WEEK OF MUSIC, DANCE, ART, THEATRE, SPOKEN WORD...AND CIRCUS! FOR DETAILS OF WHAT'S COMING UP, VISIT THE WEBSITE AT WWW.UCPAC.ORG

Upcoming Highlights

Nov. 2: War of the Worlds, 8:00 PM. 75th Anniversary Spectacular. Raconteur Ventures presents a live dramatization of the Sci-Fi Radio Play That Shocked America (and was set right here in New Jersey!)

Nov. 6-24: American Theater Group presents Bubble Boy: The Musical. Written by the Hollywood script team of Cinco Paul and Ken Daurio (creators of Despicable Me, The Lorax), Bubble Boy: The Musical is a romantic comedy with a wild 'n' crazy edge.

Nov. 18: RSI Bank Masters Jazz Series presents Renee Rosnes Quartet, 8:00 PM. The former Carnegie Hall Jazz Band pianist has played with top jazz legends and brings unprecedented beauty to the modern jazz idiom.

Nov. 29: Split Level Concerts presents Steve Forbert, 8:00 PM. "Watching Steve Forbert sing and play is to watch music being wrought on an anvil into something tough, but beautiful." — John Walsh

Nov. 30: RSI Bank Masters Jazz Series presents Charles Tolliver Quintet, 8:00 PM. Trumpet master Tolliver will share the music he's made over 5 decades with Roy Haynes, Hank Mobley, Horace Silver, McCoy Tyner, Sonny Rollins, Herbie Hancock and other jazz titans.

Dec. 5-20: StrangeDog Theatre presents Spilling Stuff and Breaking Things. "In the course of an hour and three-quarters, Clawson gives us ruminations on friendship, longing, the dignity of work and resistance to authority. Plus it's funny. Really funny." — Baristanet

Dec. 31: New Year's Eve Party w/Peter Karp and Sue Foley, 8:30 PM.

Say hello to 2014 with a power-blues quartet, featuring guitarist Sue Foley whose recordings have won 17 Maple Blues Awards and will leave you singing and shouting your way into the New Year.

Outstanding Shows in The Loft at UCPAC

Nov. 23: An Evening with Mieka Pauley, 8:00 PM. Split Level Concerts brings singer/songwriter Mieka Pauley, possessed of a voice that "flows like good whiskey and a frankness that makes Alanis Morissette look shy."

Nov. 30: An Evening with Jeanne Jolly, 8:00 PM. The music of singer/songwriter/guitarist/pianist Jeanne Jolly features elements of country, folk, jazz, soul and soft rock. In other words, a night of exquisitely tuneful beautiful-ness.



The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and UC PAC are pleased to announce the return of **Sensory Friendly Theater!**



Union County Freeholder Chairman Linda Carter (L) and Freeholders Alexander Mirabella and Bette Jane Kowalski (2nd R) speak with Donya Fahim (2nd L) and Deborah Stein of Autism Friendly Spaces before a live performance of Seussical at the Union County Performing Arts Center in Rahway. The performance was specially designed for children with autism and related disabilities as part of the Sensory Friendly Theater series sponsored by the Freeholder Board.

Four more performances scheduled this season:



JUSTIN ROBERTS & the Not Ready for Naptime Players
Sunday • November 17, 2013
2:00 PM



The Little Orchestra Society's THINGS THAT GO BANG!
Sunday • January 12, 2014
2:00 PM



New Jersey Ballet's SLEEPING BEAUTY
Sunday • March 16, 2014
2:00 PM



AESOP'S FABLES starring puppeteer Jim West
Sunday • May 18, 2014
2:00 PM

Black History Month Opening Reception will be held on Thursday, February 6, 2014 at 6:30 PM at the Hamilton Stage. This event is free and open to the public.

an interview: J.D. McGuire

www.companymancorporation.com

AR: What is your basic art background -- how'd you get into it?

JDM: I have always been an artist. When I was three, before I could read or write, I drew the word Disneyland off of a postcard. I graduated from Kansas City Art Institute with a degree in Painting and have an MFA in Sculpture from Mason Gross School of the Arts.

AR: What's your current area of Arts specialty?

JDM: I am an interdisciplinary artist; I work in all mediums, but my specialty is infiltration. I have been working on my Unsolicited Activities project for the past ten years — infiltrating

corporate retail stores, major museums and the street with works that question and challenge social control systems.

AR: What brought you to Rahway to make art?

JDM: I teach at Arts Guild New Jersey. It's like a second home to me. Rahway felt like a place that would allow me the freedom to be creative.

AR: What excites you about Rahway Arts & Culture?

JDM: Rahway is a blank canvas ... everywhere I look there is opportunity, and the community is interested in and supports the arts. I feel free here.



AR: Any thoughts you have on what Arts can do for a community ... and why it should!

JDM: Art can create a community, bring people together in a way that nothing else can. Art and community are both about sharing and communication in a free and open way.

J.D. McGuire
845 Ross Street, A4, Rahway
(913) 708-1956
jdmcg78@yahoo.com

The Sensory Friendly Theatre series is a series of live performances specially designed and adapted for children with autism and similar disabilities. Expanding public recreation opportunities for children with autism and other disabilities was one of Union County Freeholder Alexander Mirabella's "Putting People First" initiatives when he served as Chairman in 2012, which resulted in the creation of the Sensory Friendly Theater series.

Current Freeholder Chairman Linda Carter has extended the program under her 2013 initiatives. "The Union County community has so much to offer in terms of enriching experiences in the performing arts, and Sensory Friendly Theater helps to ensure that these fundamental enjoyments of life are available to all of our citizens," said Carter.

This unique performance series

is designed and adapted in cooperation with the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, Autism Friendly Spaces, LLC and the Union County Performing Arts Center. For each of the special performances in the Sensory Friendly Theatre series the theatre environment will be adjusted to provide a sensory-friendly, comfortable and judgment-free space that is welcoming for all families.

Union County worked with Autism Friendly Spaces, LLC to design the series and Paper Mill Playhouse and the Children's Specialized Hospital assisted in making the program possible.

For further information on ticketing, or the any of the performances in the series, contact the Union County Performing Arts Center at (732) 499-8226 or visit them online at www.ucpac.org.



Business and Arts in Downtown Rahway

Please support these local businesses. They propel our local economy and shape the artistic and cultural sides of Rahway.

ACCOUNTANTS, FINANCIAL & TAXES	CONVENIENCE STORES (cont'd)	HOME FURNISHINGS (cont'd)	RESTAURANTS & EATERIES (cont'd)
Davis Financial Services 1523 Irving Street	Azteca Food Market & Deli 1534 Irving Street	St. George's Art Glass Studio 1659 Irving Street	Luciano's Italian Ristorante 1579 Main Street
Smith Financial Services 1492 Main Street	Beverly Sweet Shoppe 1413 Main Street	Tarnished Swan Antiques 11 Poplar Street	Mango's Grill 1349 Fulton Street
ARTS & CULTURE	Cherry Street Farmer's Market 66-70 East Cherry Street	JEWELRY & GIFTS	Michelino's Pizzeria 79 E. Milton Avenue
The Academy of Music 1516 Irving Street	Cold & Hot Food Mart 41 East Milton Avenue	Kennedy Jewelers 1519 Irving Street	Mr. Apple Pie 1524 Irving Street
Arts Guild New Jersey 1670 Irving Street	El Almacen Grocery & Convenience 1586 Irving Street	Wick'ed Flame 77 East Milton Avenue	Nancy's Townhouse 1453 Main Street
Chessmates 1591 Irving Street	Express News Cafe 85 East Milton Avenue	LAUNDROMAT	No. 1 Chinese Kitchen 1507 Main Street
Rahway Arts District Gallery & Offices 1591 Irving Street	Garden State News 1457 Irving Street	Fan Laundromat 1538 Irving Street	Patria Restaurant & Mixology Lounge 169 W. Main Street
Hellhound Studios 1605 Coach Street	Oriental Food Market 29 West Main Street	LAWYERS	Rahway Fried Chicken 95 E. Cherry Street
Rahway Dance Theatre 1439 Irving Street	DRY CLEANERS	Christopher Armstrong Esq. 30 Vail Place	Rahway Grill 47 E. Cherry Street
Rahway Public Library 2 City Hall Plaza	Cleaners J. 47 East Milton Avenue	Linda Smink, Esq. 1657 Irving Street	The Rail House 1443-1449 Irving Street
Rahway Recreation Center 3 City Hall Plaza	DRUG STORE/PHARMACY	Stuart K. Santiago Esq. 35 East Milton Avenue #B	Sabor Peruano 1578 Irving Street
Union County Performing Arts Center & Loft 1601 Irving Street	Skaff's Corner Pharmacy 1510 Main Street	LIQUOR STORES	The Waiting Room 66 E. Cherry Street
UC PAC's Hamilton Stage 360 Hamilton Street	FITNESS	Main Street Spirits 1537 Main Street	SERVICES
BAKERY	Diesel Training Grounds 1521 Irving Street	MOTORCYCLES	ABC Signs 1591 Main Street
Cake Therapy 85 East Cherry Street	Sovereign Martial Arts 1537 Main Street	Liberty Harley-Davidson/Buell 12 W Milton Avenue	Ceibo Services Inc. 45 East Milton Avenue
BANKING & INVESTMENTS	YMCA Rahway 1564 Irving Street	OPTICAL/OPTOMETRIST	Development Directions 2 City Hall Plaza
Edward Jones Investments 1 Carriage City Plaza	GRAPHIC ARTS & MEDIA	Eyes on You Family Eyecare 1535 Irving Street	EliteStarz Children's Model & Talent Training 1544 Irving Street
Northfield Bank 1515 Irving Street	Speezi Comics 1439 Irving Street	PARTIES & EVENT PLANNING	Giacobbe Property Management 75 E. Cherry Street
RSI Bank 1500 Irving Street	Studio 210 Photography 1544 Irving Street, #210	Celeste Santana 1663 Irving Street	H&N: Helping Women with Health Awareness 1441 Irving Street #201
Wells Fargo 1420 Irving Street	Taria Reed Photography & Design 69 E. Cherry Street	Paramount Banquet Hall 1519 Main Street	Job One 75 E. Cherry Street #5
BOOK STORES	Wizdom Media Design Group 1409 Main Street	Lafayette Masonic Lodge 1550 Irving Street	K and K Recognition Awards 75 East Cherry Street #1A
Bridges Book Store and Afro-American Museum 1480 Main Street	HAIR/NAIL CARE & BEAUTY SUPPLIES	Tabula Rasa Gallery & Event Space 1645 Irving Street	M.O.C.A. 1571 Irving Street
BUILDING SERVICES	Bragg's Hair Center 1522 Irving Street	PET SUPPLY & GROOMING	NJ Laundry Corp. 1589 Main Street
JAG Home Improvements 24 Elm Avenue	Community Barber Shop 1593 Main Street	Pampered Paws Pet Grooming 1470 Main Street	Rahway Electric Motor Co. 1653 & 1663 Irving Street
O' Donnell Architects 1441 Main Street, #206	Earl's Cuts & Curls 1673 Irving Street	Pet Essentials 89 East Cherry Street	Station Cab 40 East Milton Avenue
CIGAR & TOBACCO SHOP	Family Nails 1479 Main Street	REAL ESTATE	Train Up a Child Tutoring 75 East Cherry Street #3
Smoker's Den Cigar Lounge 1580 Irving Street	Grace Beauty Supply 43 East Cherry Street	Century 21 JRS Realty 1474 Main Street	Ventura's Moving Company 1439 Main Street
CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES	Main Street Barber Shop 1483 Main Street	Striker Realty 1582 Elizabeth Avenue	TATTOOS & PIERCING
East Coast 1546 Irving Street	Max Hair Care II 84 East Cherry Street	RESTAURANTS & EATERIES	The Captive Bead Piercing 1565 Irving Street
Fit to be Ties 1572 Elizabeth Avenue	Paris Nails & Spa 1542 Irving Street	Bianca's Deli 1561 Irving Street	Rose City Tattoos 209 West Main Street
New Era Sportswear 59 East Cherry Street	On'Ja Unisex Salon 1520 Irving Street	Cubanu Restaurant & Lounge 1467 Main Street	Times of Grace 1417 Main Street
Levres Rouge 1563 Irving Street	Rahway Beauty & Barber Supply 1505 Main Street	D&R's Gourmet Deli 78 E. Cherry Street	TRAVEL
COMPUTERS, PHONES & SERVICES	Rahway's Finest Barber Shop 46 East Cherry Street	Dragon Palace 41 E. Milton Avenue	Rahway Travel 35 East Milton Avenue
Metro PCS 67 East Milton Avenue	Shuga Shoppe Hair & Nail 39 East Milton Avenue	Fon Garden 1540 Irving Street	COMING SOON!
Sound-O-Rama 1483 Main Street	HOME FURNISHINGS	Flynn's Irish Pub & Steakhouse 1482 Main Street	AGAIN Shoppe 208 Central Avenue
CONVENIENCE STORES	Alpha Custom Rugs 1441 Irving Street #202	Gino's Pizzeria 1576 Irving Street	The Java Shop 1567 Irving Street
Akisha Food Market 1533 Main Street	The Gilded Lillie 1433 Main Street & 18 Poplar Street	Kim's InTheMix 221 W. Main Street	
	Niece's Pieces 1464 Main Street	La Malinche Restaurant 1588 Irving Street	
		Little Portugal 1507 Main Street	

Every effort was taken to include downtown Rahway establishments in this directory. Please contact info@ArtsRahway.com to provide updated information for your establishment.

New Business Highlights:

Taria Reed Photography & Design

69 E. Cherry Street, Rahway, NJ
(732) 734-1446 • info@tariareed.com • www.TariaReed.com

In the 18 months since Taria Reed opened her photography studio at 69 E. Cherry Street, she's become Rahway's go-to photo maven for a host of services: family and personal portraits, professional head shots, specialty fun shoots for kids and pets, product shots, model portfolio shots, weddings and more.

Combining her longtime photo skills with digital art and design, Taria has created dozens of eye-popping book covers for romance, mystery, western and business authors. "I started photographing adults for stock websites. In my mind I was shooting for book covers. I'm a romance audio book junkie so I love looking at all the beautiful covers, and now I'm producing them."

Taria has recently expanded her business into the live social arena, adding her glamour shot expertise to the Ladies Night Rahway

packages coordinated by Willit Concierge's Anne Marie Williams.

"It was Anne Marie who convinced me to look at Rahway for a studio location," says Taria. "She was telling me about this really cute area in the Rahway Arts district that could really use a photo studio. The first stop was 69 E. Cherry and I was in love."

Rahway's high degree of community involvement is a big plus, Taria believes. "The community sees the potential in the Arts District that the business owners see and that excites me. I love telling my New York clients, 'Hey, if you get in early there's a great little diner down the street for you guys to have breakfast.' If my children clients are super good, I love taking them down to see Fara at Cake Therapy for some yummy cupcake treats."

Amy Garcia Phillips: Contento Dance

UC PAC's Hamilton Stage, 360 Hamilton St., Rahway
(848) 628-4202 • amy@contentodance.com
www.contentodance.com

Stroll down Hamilton Street and gaze into the front parlor of Hamilton Stage of a Thursday evening say, around 7 or 8 PM-ish, and you'll see an amazing tableaux: Grownup Couples Receiving Dance Instruction ... And Thoroughly Enjoying Every Minute.

That's because their instructor is Rahway's Amy Garcia Phillips of Contento Dance, who teaches a night of Latin and Ballroom Mix along with Wedding Preparation for Couples, starting at 6:30 PM each Thursday at Hamilton Stage.

A seasoned dance instructor with an advanced certificate in Feldenkrais Method, Amy is an acclaimed dance competitor who has appeared on Late Night with David Letterman, Good Morning America, Lincoln Center's Mid Summers Night Swing and is frequently quoted by life-and-style writers as their Social Dance Expert.

Amy specializes in helping self-professed "non-dancers" get comfortable on the dance floor. "The first lesson is always a little challenging," Amy says. "But having fun when you dance is a matter of learning a few basic postures and body movements that quickly become as habitual as walking."

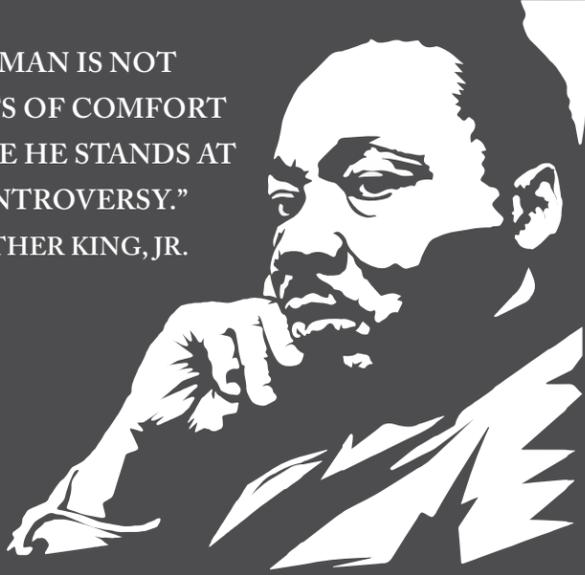
Amy's love for Salsa, Merengue and other Latin dance forms started in her teens; her training and performances have included collaborations with Latin dance legends like Cuban Pete and Barbara Craddock, Billy Fajardo, Paul Pellicoro, Eleny Fotinos, Tatiana Keegan and many more.

For wedding couples looking to set a tone for their reception, Amy's advice is simple: "If you get out there and have a great time, your guests will want to rush out onto the floor with you."

Pretty much a prescription for everyday life, too.

“THE ULTIMATE MEASURE OF A MAN IS NOT WHERE HE STANDS IN MOMENTS OF COMFORT AND CONVENIENCE, BUT WHERE HE STANDS AT TIMES OF CHALLENGE AND CONTROVERSY.”

— MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Citywide Celebration

January 20, 2014

Planned and Implemented by
Rahway Branch NAACP
Mrs. Shirley J. Palmer, Branch President

**10:00 AM Sharp - 11:00 AM at
Second Baptist Church**

378 East Milton Avenue • Rahway
Reverend Dr. James W. Ealey, Pastor

March to MLK Monument 11:00 AM

Light Refreshments to follow: Rahway Senior Center • 1306 Esterbrook Avenue • Rahway

SPECIAL EVENT!

“I have a dream”

MLK Freedom Games

Saturday, January 18 • Admission \$3

1:00 PM: Rahway Girls vs. Roselle Girls
3:00 PM: Rahway Varsity Boys vs. Roselle Varsity Boys

Rahway High School • Madison Ave. • Rahway

The JFK Community Center



Councilman David Brown with staff and students at the JFK Center.

The JFK Community Center is one of the oldest community-based, nonprofit organizations serving Rahway and Union County families. It is a state licensed preschool which provides a safe, development-

tally appropriate environment, and stimulating educational experience. In addition, it offers a bi-lingual preschool curriculum, an after-school program, a summer camp, and many more family services.

RSI Bank's Free Concert Series

As the Holiday Season approaches, RSI Bank's Free Lunchtime Concert Series continues! As part of this unique program, RSI Bank has presented such diverse artists as Luis Perdomo, David Caldwell-Mason, Grammy nominated Manuel Valera and classical prodigy "April" Zhi Li.

Continuing the tradition, RSI Bank is proud to present, each Wednesday afternoon between 1:00 and 2:00 PM acclaimed artist Patrick Poladian performing on an Estonia Grand Piano purchased just for the purpose of providing some refreshing entertainment to RSI Bank's most valued



Marc Cary and Ron Sutton perform at RSI during Culture Crawl 2013.

customers and to the public at large. Admission, as always is free. We do hope you will join us!

Tax Preparer Volunteers Needed

The City of Rahway provides free federal and state tax preparation for Rahway senior citizens. Volunteers are needed for this program. If interested, please call (732) 827-2016.

From The Department Of Public Works

LEAF COLLECTION
Beginning November 4, 2013, 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. If you place your leaves in paper bags, you can call (732) 827-2161 for "priority pick-up".

Otherwise for curb-pile collection call Rahway DPW's Leaf Collection Hotline at (732) 827-2063, during leaf collection season, to determine where crews are currently working.

SNOW EMERGENCY GUIDELINES:

- Try to stay indoors, do not drive unless absolutely necessary.
- If you live on a snow emergency street, you must remove your vehicle to provide access for emergency vehicles.
- Please make every effort to utilize off-street parking.
- Do not park within 20 feet of an intersection.
- Do not blow or shovel snow into the street. Shovel driveway aprons, walkways, and sidewalks once plow trucks have completed their work.
- Do not double-park vehicles.
- Keep fire hydrants and catch basins in your neighborhood clear of leaves and/or snow.

POTHOLE REPAIR PROGRAM
To report a pothole, please call (732) 827-2161 and leave a brief description of the location.

GARBAGE PICK-UP and NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT
Property owners are being asked to keep their homes, buildings and lots clean, safe and free of debris. Garbage should be put in a suitable receptacle and placed at the curbside no earlier than 4:30 PM on the day before collection; and the containers must be removed from the curbside no later than 8:00 PM on the same day of collection.

Residents are reminded that abandoned or unused cars (without license plates) must be properly stored in a garage and not left to rust in driveways and lots, and leaves should be collected on a regular basis. Any unsafe and / or unsightly conditions on or around buildings must also be repaired.

Maintaining your property is at the heart of any quality of life initiative. Keeping your homes and businesses in good condition raises property values, reduces the potential for crime, and instills a sense of pride in our neighborhoods.

2014 Talent Show Auditions! November 8 • 7 PM

CITY OF RAHWAY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
Rahway Recreation Center – 3 City Hall Plaza, Rahway, New Jersey
Download application at <http://www.cityofrahway.com/recreation.htm>

Call: (732) 669-3600
Talent show on March 28, 2014 at Hamilton Stage

Affordable Fitness at The Rahway Recreation Center

If you are looking for a simple, no-frills, affordable place to exercise, come check out Rahway's best kept secret and the one your friends and neighbors don't want you to know about. The Rahway Recreation Center is home to a small but well-appointed

Fitness Center, featuring cardio equipment and strength training machines. We keep the crowds down by limiting membership to Rahway residents and those who work or own a business in town. If you are under 50, you will pay an annual fee of

\$100. For those over 50, the fee is \$45 per year. We have showers and lockers and a personal trainer to help you get acquainted with the equipment. We can sign you up today with your proof of residency and check, money order or VISA/Mastercard.

Additional Rescue and Flood Preparedness

The City of Rahway, along with a generous donation from RSI Bank, purchased

a M939 five ton 6x6 truck to be used for high water rescues during severe



flooding. The truck was purchased as an army surplus vehicle and Rahway Auto Body Shop donated time and labor to paint the vehicle red and black, representing the Rahway Fire Department. With upgrades and retrofitting, the truck can drive through seven feet of water to perform these rescues. The frequency of major storms and hurricanes has made the ability to perform high water rescues a true necessity.

CITY OF RAHWAY Home Improvement Program

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

Repairs may include—new roofing, windows, doors, bathrooms, kitchens, siding, heating, etc.

Call (732) 827-2193 for an application

RAHWAY'S UNIQUE SENIORSCENE

SENIOR CITIZEN BUS TRANSPORTATION

Transportation is available to all Rahway residents 62 years of age and older. Please call (732) 499-7930 between the hours of 8 AM and 12 Noon to arrange transportation (shopping, doctors' appointments, etc.).

SENIOR CITIZEN I.D. CARD PROGRAM

This City-wide program to furnish Rahway seniors, ages 62 and older, with free photo identification cards is continuing. To make an appointment call (732) 827-2016. Proof of residency and age will be required at the time of your appointment.

NOTARY PUBLIC

The Rahway Senior Center has a Notary Public of New Jersey on the premises. Rahway Senior Citizens 62 years of age and older may use this free service.

N.J. TRANSIT DISCOUNTS

The Rahway Senior Center has applications for seniors 62 and older for N.J. Transit rail and bus transportation discounts. For more information, call the Center at (732) 827-2016.

If you would like to be on our mailing list or for more info please call us at (732) 827-2016.

Trip To Doolan's Shore Club

The Rahway Division of Senior Services is sponsoring a trip to Doolan's in Spring Lake on Tuesday, March 11, 2014. The trip is \$62.00 with no refunds after Friday, February 28, 2014. The trip includes bus transportation, show and a lunch (appetizer, entree, dessert and beverage). The St. Patrick's Festival - From Ireland to America will be presented by Mike Byrne's All-Star Productions. The show stars Jimmy Byrne and the famous Green Derby Show Band, a comedian and a bagpiper. The bus will leave from the Rahway Senior Center at 10:00 AM and return at approximately 4:30 PM.

Join us for our 2013 HOLIDAY CELEBRATION!

The Rahway Division of Senior Services will host its 17th Annual Holiday Celebration on Wednesday, December 18, 2013 from 12:00 noon to 2:00 PM at the Rahway Senior Center. Tickets are \$2.00 and can be obtained at the Senior Center until December 13th. The party, for Rahway seniors only, will include music, light lunch and a raffle of poinsettias donated by RSI Bank. For ticket information call (732) 827-2016.

Rahway Senior Services Fall 2013 – Winter 2014 Senior Programs

Monday

- Line Dancing**
10:00 – 11:00 AM
- Helping Hands**
10:00 – 11:45 AM
- Watercolor/Pastels**
10:30 AM – 12 Noon
and 12:15 – 1:45 PM
- Arthritis Exercise**
1:30 – 2:30 PM

Tuesday

- Cross Stitch**
10:00 – 11:00 AM
- Exercise**
9:15 – 10:00 AM and
10:15 – 11:00 AM
- Drawing**
10:30 AM – 12 Noon
- Latch Hook**
11:15 AM – 12:45 PM
- Charcoal**
12:15 – 1:45 PM
- Zumba**
1:30 – 2:15 PM

Wednesday

- Intro to Internet**
9:30 – 11:00 AM and
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM
- Creative Crafts**
10:00 – 11:00 AM
- Tai Chi**
10:30 – 11:30 AM
- EZ Card Making
& Scrapbooking**
11:15 AM – 12:45 PM
- Acrylic Painting**
1:00 – 2:30 PM

Thursday

- Garden Club**
9:00 – 10:00 AM
- Exercise**
9:15 – 10:00 AM
and 10:15 – 11:00 AM
- Crochet**
10:15 – 11:15 AM
- Quilting**
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM
- Oil Painting**
1:00 – 2:30 PM

Friday

- Line Dancing**
10:00 – 11:00 AM
- Memoir Writing**
10:00 – 11:30 AM
- Tai Chi**
10:30 – 11:30 AM
- Multi-Cultural
Doll Making**
12:30 – 2:00 PM
- Ballroom Dancing**
1:30 – 2:30 PM

CALENDAR DATES

- Dec. 4 Mayor's Breakfast
- Dec. 18 Holiday Party
- Jan. 22 Mayor's Breakfast
- Feb. 26 Mayor's Breakfast
- Mar. 11 Trip to Doolan's Shore Club
- Mar. 12 Registration
- Mar. 26 Mayor's Breakfast
- Apr. 23 Mayor's Breakfast
- April 24 Healthy Lunch

Property Tax Reimbursement Program (Senior Freeze)

Every year during tax season residents come into the Senior Center unaware of the Property Tax Reimbursement Program. This state program "freezes" your taxes the year you become eligible and every year you are reimbursed the difference.

The Property Tax Reimbursement Program reimburses eligible senior citizens and disabled persons for property

tax increases. The amount of the reimbursement is the difference between the amount of property taxes that were due and paid for the "base year" (the first year that you met all the eligibility requirements) and the amount due and paid for the current year for which you are applying for the reimbursement, provided the amount paid for the current year was greater. You must meet all the eligibility require-

ments for the base year and for each succeeding year, up to and including the current year to qualify for the reimbursement.

The income limits have yet to be determined for residents filing taxes in 2014, but in the past the income limit was \$70,000 - \$80,000.

Questions or need info? Please call the PTR Hotline: (800) 882-6597



Rahway Senior Clubs Meeting Schedule

The following clubs meet at the Rahway Senior Center:

Ladies Golden Age Club
Meets every Wednesday at 12:15 PM
Pres. Pat Jack
(732) 382-3206

Rahway Retired Men's Club
Meets every Monday at 1 PM
President Joe Keefe
(732) 388-4487

A.A.R.P. Chapter #607
Meets 2nd Thursday of the month at 12 Noon
Pres. Delores Franklin
(732) 499-7986

Merck Retirees
Meets 1st Tuesday of each month at 1 PM
Pres. Cliff Lenox
(732) 572-2251

Union County Minority Task Force
Meets 1st Friday of every other month at 12 Noon
Elaine Haith (732) 428-4800

First Thursdays! - Free Organ Concerts

The concerts are free and are held at the Senior Center at 6:30 PM on the First Thursday of every month on the Wurlitzer Theatre Pipe Organ. This amazing instrument is a 3-manual, 10-rank pipe organ that was originally installed in the Rainbow Room in NYC in 1934 where it entertained patrons until 1954. The pipe work in virtually original condition was lovingly relocated and restored by the Garden State Theater Organ Society.

Ed Baykowski November 7, 2013 at 6:30 PM
Ed Alstrom December 5, 2013 at 6:30 PM



Concerts

Concerts are held every First Thursday at 6:30 PM at the Rahway Senior Center. Pictured is Ed Alstrom performing on the Wurlitzer Theatre Pipe Organ.



Brownstone House

The Rahway Senior Center recently sponsored a trip to the Brownstone House in Paterson, NJ. Seniors enjoyed an afternoon of food, music and dance.



UNION COUNTY PERFORMING ARTS CENTER AT RAHWAY

UNION COUNTY PERFORMING ARTS CENTER'S
MAIN STAGE
1601 IRVING STREET | RAHWAY NEW JERSEY



UNION COUNTY PERFORMING ARTS CENTER'S
HAMILTON STAGE
360 HAMILTON STREET | RAHWAY NEW JERSEY



THE LOFT
AT UNION COUNTY PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
1601 IRVING STREET | RAHWAY NEW JERSEY



UC PAC and American Theatre Group present:

BUBBLE BOY A NEW MUSICAL based on the classic film starring Jake Gyllenhaal
NOVEMBER 6-24

UC PAC & NJ Ballet present

Cinderella

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 10 • 3PM

AMERICAN REPERTORY BALLET presents:

The Nutcracker

SATURDAY • NOVEMBER 23 • 2 PM

SPLIT LEVEL CONCERTS AT The Loft PRESENTS:

MIKA PAULEY

SATURDAY • NOVEMBER 23 • 8PM

SPLIT LEVEL CONCERTS AT HAMILTON STAGE PRESENTS:

STEVE FORBERT

FRIDAY • NOVEMBER 29 • 8PM

A Holiday Tradition Continues... RSI Bank presents

Orchestra Of St. Peter By The Sea

SATURDAY • DECEMBER 7 • 8PM

Razz Entertainment presents: Friday Dec. 13 • 8pm

DOO-WOP Celebration

BOBBY RYDELL, THE DUPREES, LENNY WELCH, THE COOKIES, FEATURING MARGARET ROSS, BOBBY LEWIS

FRIDAY • DECEMBER 13 • 8PM

SPLIT LEVEL CONCERTS AT The Loft PRESENTS:

JEANNE JOLLY

SATURDAY • DECEMBER 14 • 8PM

Big Bad Voodoo Daddy

WEDNESDAY • DECEMBER 18 • 8PM

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Catie Curtis

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Sleeping Beauty

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