

## A Message from Congressman Donald M. Payne, Jr. (NJ-10) The Safer Neighborhoods Gun Buyback Act of 2015

The United States is experiencing an epidemic of gun violence that chips away at the foundations of our society, taking from us family members, friends, and loved ones. It's an epidemic of mass shootings, but also of broader and routine gun violence in our communities. As a nation, we are failing to meet the challenge of this epidemic, and we are compromising our public safety as a result.

We owe it to our communities, and to our families, to pursue every opportunity to reduce gun violence in our neighborhoods. Although no one piece of legislation will eliminate all gun violence, there is an urgent need to get guns off the streets and keep them out of the hands of

people who wish to cause harm.

In December, I introduced the Safer Neighborhoods Gun Buyback Act, a bill that increases incentives to sell back guns around the country, provides a stimulus to the economy, and recycles the sold guns into environmentally-friendly objects.

The Safer Neighborhoods Gun Buyback Act provides a two-year, \$360 million grant that allows the U.S. Department of Justice's Director of the Bureau of Justice Assistance to distribute smart debit cards to state and local governments, as well as gun dealers, who can then distribute the cards to gun owners in exchange for firearms.

The program's debit cards will

provide gun owners with funds 25 percent above the market value of the guns traded in, based on an assessment conducted by the Director of the Bureau of Justice Assistance, and will be valid for two years. Consumers can then spend the money on their debit cards and help stimulate the local economy. The debit cards cannot be used to purchase firearms or ammunition and cannot be redeemed for cash.

There is no quick or easy fix for gun violence, just as there is no way to stop all gun violence in our nation. But that does not mean we can accept gun violence as a given and resign ourselves to inaction. If we can get one gun off the street, if we can save one life, then we must.

**"We owe it to our communities, and to our families, to pursue every opportunity to reduce gun violence in our neighborhoods."**

— Congressman Donald M. Payne, Jr.



## Mayor Samson Steinman Establishes Pothole Hotline For Residents

"Our Public Works Department will be working diligently to repair the numerous potholes caused by winter conditions. Residents can call the **Pothole Hotline: 732-827-2061** and report a pothole location, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week." All potholes reported, will be addressed as soon as possible. Public Works Personnel will be working (weather permitting) to make the necessary repairs. Resident's participation and cooperation is appreciated.

## Snow Emergency Information

When a significant snowfall is expected, the City of Rahway Department of Public Works is asking everyone for their cooperation by following the guidelines listed below:

- Try to stay indoors, don't 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 whenever possible.

- Do not park cars within 20 feet of an intersection. Parking too close to an intersection can restrict emergency vehicle access.
- Do not blow or shovel snow into the street. Shovel driveway aprons, walkways and sidewalks once plow trucks are completed with their work.
- Do not double park vehicles. Keep fire-hydrants and catch basins in your neighborhood clear of leaves / snow.

Thank you for your cooperation and patience.



## Ny'a Hard at Work on a New Album for Spring 2016

Rahway resident and City employee Ny'a is not a new comer to the music scene. Her debut album Embrace released in 1995 sold 500,000 units worldwide, giving her gold status. Inspired by legendary R&B recording artists such as Marvin Gaye, Sam Cooke, Teena Marie, and Patti Labelle, Ny'a continues the rich, time-honored tradition of good quality music. From the much-anticipated Embrace debut album, to having two number one records on the R&B and club charts, Ny'a has created and inspired fans all over the world. Her "Alright" and "I don't want you" singles were international hits and licensed in 32 European countries. She went on to have her "I don't want you" music video in rotation nationally on BET

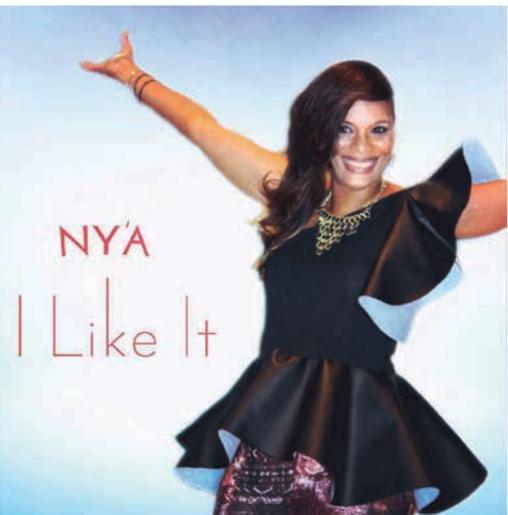
and the "Alright" music video was in rotation in 40 markets nationally and hit a high of number 3 on the top-20 video charts internationally on Star-U.S.A. Network, in Abidjan, Africa charted by the Legendary Joe Webb.

The summer of 1998 gave Ny'a another big single. Her "Take it to the top" single was produced by Grammy Award Winning Producer, Ken Johnston, with mixes from DJ Tony V. and DJ Spin. The background vocals were provided by club legends, Grammy Award Winning Singer Sabrina Johnston, Kenny Bohbein of Kenny and Friends, along with Sounds of Blackness background singer, Latrice Varrett. The "Take it to the Top" single was the most requested club record in New

York City according to Sure Record Pool. It was number 13 on the club charts and number 3 on the radio-mix show 105.9 FM in Los Angeles, CA.

In 2004 Ny'a released the smooth R&B single "Your time is up" produced by Anthony Shipman. Ny'a is back in 2016, ready to make some more history and add to her impressive list of accomplishments. With production from Kenny Black "The Music Machine", her newest single "So Confused," is sure to be a hit for all to enjoy! Ny'a has been busy laying the ground work for her upcoming album "Something for everybody" to be released in spring of 2016.

The Rahway community wishes her much continued success!



## Correction to 2016 Recycling Schedule

**COLLECTION HOLIDAYS 2016:**

Sunday, December 25 – Christmas Day  
No Garbage or Bulky Waste Collection

**There WILL BE garbage pick up on**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2016**

SEASONAL ISSUE!  
Winter 2016!

## See What's Happening!

The Rahway Preview will keep you informed between full versions of the Rahway Review, which are printed each Spring and Fall. The Previews and Reviews are your definitive go-to-guides for what's happening in our City. #RAHWAYISHAPPENING

**FEBRUARY 6**  
Comedian Drew Lynch!  
UCPAC Main Stage

# THE rahwaypreview

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## STATE OF THE CITY

Friday  
February 19  
at 7:00 pm

Snow Date February 24

UCPAC Main Stage • 1601 Irving Street, Rahway, NJ

## HIGHLIGHTS

**livewell**  
EXPO • 2016  
10 AM to 2 PM

April 10

**RAHWAY TASTE**  
OF SPRING

April 15

## Rahway Welcomes Dr. Patricia Camp to the Rahway Public School District!

Rahway's schools are a vital part of our community, as such, a superintendent with vision and a successful record is of paramount importance. We caught up with Dr. Camp and asked her to share her story with Rahway's residents:

I started as your new Superintendent September 15th and it has been a whirlwind. I am meeting many wonderful people in the community and district. Let me briefly introduce myself.

I earned my Bachelor's in Biology from Penn State and I had a wonderful time there. I earned my Doctorate (Ph.D.) in Physiology with a minor in Neuroscience from the University of Maryland Medical School; I sometimes feel I grew up in Baltimore because it was the first time in my life I lived on my own. After my doctorate, I did postdoctoral research at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (Little Rock) and SUNY/Stony Brook Medical School. Finally, I completed my formal education with a Master's from Rutgers in Educational Administration.

I am the first in my family to receive a Bachelor's degree and

the only person in my family to earn a Doctoral degree. I am also proud of receiving my Master's with a 4.0 GPA years after completing my doctorate. I have continued my involvement with education on the national level through the Society for Neuroscience where I have served on the Public Education and Professional Development Committees. Through the Society for Neuroscience, I was a national reviewer for the Next Generation Science Standards.

Everywhere I have worked, I have used my personal educational journey to motivate students and staff to continue their education, including students going on to college/technical school in education, medicine, technology, and combined fields (e.g., business and science), as well as staff returning to college to become teachers. I am happy

to be a role model as a 1st generation college-educated person, as a female that has earned the highest degree possible and had a productive research science career, and as a successful returning student. Education is very important to me – it is a positive accomplishment that an individual earns that will impact themselves, and others, for years.

So... why come to Rahway?

For me, the short answer is that it is an exciting place to work.

My basic educational philosophy is that all students can learn at high levels given a stimulating environment and strong instruction. In researching the district, I see many strengths (diversity, community, district size, school configurations, and people) that translate this philosophy into a strong

education for all children. The diversity of the Rahway community and district is an amazing asset – for me this adds valuable richness and perspective to both personal and work environments. My first weeks in the community have only confirmed my initial view that Rahway has a strong community that solidly supports all students and their learning. The Rahway School District is an ideal size – large enough to try new things to support student education, and small enough to still have a productive sense of community. The Rahway school configurations also support students with neighborhood schools for the younger children, and single schools for grades 7-12 which allow for more and diverse academic offerings for the older students. Last and most important to me are the people in the district – students,

teachers, staff, and administrators – all have been welcoming and helpful to me as I settle into Rahway. I am excited to join with them, parents, and the community in moving learning forward for ALL students.

— Dr. Trisha Camp

## Coffee with the Superintendent

Beginning this month there will be twice monthly "Coffee with the Superintendent" events. These Coffees will be open meetings for any and all to attend; at each Coffee, I will share information about one of the many great things going on in our district and then the group can talk about any district-related topic. To maximize my availability to the community the Coffees will be held each month on the second Wednesday from 10am-11am in room 105 of the Academy AND on the third Wednesday from 6pm-7pm again in room 105.

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Mayor Samson D. Steinman  
City of Rahway  
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Rahway, NJ 07065

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## END OF JANUARY EVENTS AT UCPAC

- JANUARY 23**  
Grease 2 Sing-a-Long (HS)  
Split Level Concerts Presents Cariad Harmon/Robinson Treacher (L)
- JANUARY 24**  
Frozen Sing-a-Long (HS)  
Split Level Concerts Presents Cariad Harmon/Robinson Treacher (L)
- JANUARY 27**  
Mayor's Birthday Breakfast (SEN)
- JANUARY 29**  
American Theater Group Play: The Way We Get By (HS)

- JANUARY 29**  
Mystic Vision Players Play: All in The Timing (L)
- JANUARY 30**  
  
Girls Night: The Musical (MS)  
Mystic Vision Players Play: All in The Timing (L)

- FEBRUARY 3**  
Rahway High School Student Showcase (RHS)
- American Theater Group Play: The Way We Get By (HS)
- FEBRUARY 4**  
American Theater Group Play: The Way We Get By (HS)
- FEBRUARY 5**  
American Theater Group Play: The Way We Get By (HS)
- FEBRUARY 6**  
American Theater Group Play: The Way We Get By (HS)  
Comedian Drew Lynch (MS)

**FEBRUARY 6**  
Comedian Drew Lynch!  
UCPAC Main Stage



## FEBRUARY 7

- Superbowl Party! (SEN)  
American Theater Group Play: The Way We Get By (HS)  
Festival of Olde Tyme Short Films (MS)

## FEBRUARY 8

- Fearless Productions Presents Kicking and Swearing One-Act Play Festival (MS)

## FEBRUARY 9

- Fearless Productions Presents Kicking and Swearing One-Act Play Festival (MS)

## FEBRUARY 10

- Fearless Productions Presents Kicking and Swearing One-Act Play Festival (MS)

## FEBRUARY 11

- Faculty Recital by Rahway Board of Education Employees (RHS)  
American Theater Group Play: The Way We Get By (HS)

## FEBRUARY 12

- Valentine's Day Bingo (SEN)  
American Theater Group Play: The Way We Get By (HS)

## FEBRUARY 13

- American Theater Group Play: The Way We Get By (HS)  
Fearless Productions Presents Kicking and Swearing One-Act Play Festival (MS)

## FEBRUARY 14

- American Theater Group Play: The Way We Get By (HS)  
The Jazz Club at UCPAC Presents A Valentine's Jazz Special (L)

# FEBRUARY

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	1	2	3	4	5

Events are subject to change. Please verify before attending.

**FEBRUARY 19**  
  
State of the City (MS)

**FEBRUARY 24**  
High School Band, Choir and Strings concert! (RHS)  
Mayor's Birthday Breakfast (SEN)

**FEBRUARY 25**  
Just Be You Performing Arts Presents Black History Month Celebratory Workshop for Kids (RPL)

**FEBRUARY 26**  
  
Black History Month Program (RHS)

**FEBRUARY 27**  
  
Split Level Concerts Presents Shannon McNally (L)

**FEBRUARY 28**  
  
Zlodziej (MS)  
Oscar Viewing Party (HS)

**THE OSCARS**  
VIEWING PARTY!

# MARCH

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
28	29	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	1	2

Info: [www.CityofRahway.com](http://www.CityofRahway.com)

## MARCH 4

  
Fearless Productions Presents Hamlet (HS)

## MARCH 5

Just Be You Performing Arts Presents Women's History Month Celebratory Workshop for Kids (RPL)  
Art Show (SEN)

  
The Jazz Club at UCPAC Presents The Billie Holiday Songbook (L)

Fearless Productions Presents Hamlet (HS)

## MARCH 6

Fearless Productions Presents Hamlet (HS)

## MARCH 10

United States Air Force Rhythm in Blue Jazz Ensemble (MS)

## MARCH 11

Fearless Productions Presents Hamlet (HS)

## MARCH 12

Fearless Productions Presents Hamlet (HS)

  
Split Level Concerts Presents Rod Picott (L)

Dead Serious Mixed Martial Arts (REC)  
[www.deadseriousmma.com](http://www.deadseriousmma.com)

## MARCH 13

Fearless Productions Presents Hamlet (HS)  
Celtic Pride: Ireland on Irving (MS)

## MARCH 18

Mary Poppins (RHS) Rahway High School Play  
Fearless Productions Presents Hamlet (HS)

## MARCH 19

Mary Poppins (RHS) Rahway High School Play  
Fearless Productions Presents Hamlet (HS)

## MARCH 20

Mary Poppins (RHS) Rahway High School Play  
Sensory Friendly Theater: Brady Rymer and the Little Band that Could (MS)

  
Mayor's Birthday Breakfast (SEN)

## MARCH 23

Mayor's Birthday Breakfast (SEN)

## MARCH 24

Mystic Vision Players Play: Wendy's Shadow (HS)

## MARCH 25

Mystic Vision Players Play: Wendy's Shadow (HS)

## MARCH 26

Mystic Vision Players Play: Wendy's Shadow (HS)

RAHWAY'S GREEN, HEALTH AND WELLNESS FAIR.  
  
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EXPO • 2016  
April 10 • Rahway Rec Center

  
Mayor Samson D. Steinman  
**APRIL 2, 2016**  
12-6PM

  
**RAHWAY MUNCH MADNESS!**

Food Trucks! BBQ Competition!  
Music, Games and Much More Fun!

**COURT JESTERS**  
**BASKETBALL GAME**  
12-2PM!

Info: [www.CityofRahway.com](http://www.CityofRahway.com)

# APRIL

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

  
**FIREFLYrun**  
**THURSDAY 5.26.16**  
Register Today!  
[fireflyrun.com/locations/rahway2016](http://fireflyrun.com/locations/rahway2016)

## CALENDAR LOCATION KEY

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <b>CHP</b> 1 City Hall Plaza                          | <b>MS</b> UC PAC Mainstage 1601 Irving St.           |
| <b>HS</b> Hamilton Stage 360 Hamilton St.             | <b>SEN</b> Rahway Senior Center 1306 Esterbrook Ave. |
| <b>L</b> Loft at UCPAC 1601 Irving St.                | <b>RHS</b> Rahway High School 1012 Madison Ave.      |
| <b>REC</b> Rahway Recreation Center 275 E Milton Ave. | <b>RPL</b> Rahway Public Library 2 City Hall Plz.    |
| <b>RY</b> The Rail Yard 1449 Irving St.               |  |

  
**RAHWAY TASTE OF SPRING**  
Taste of Spring (REC)  
[www.rahwaytaste.com](http://www.rahwaytaste.com)

**APRIL 1**  
American Repertory Ballet Presents Spring into Dance (HS)

**APRIL 2**  
Munch Madness (GHP)

**APRIL 7**  
Organ Concert (SEN)

**APRIL 10**  
Livewell Expo Rahway's Green, Health and Wellness Fair (REC)  
[www.cityofrahway.com](http://www.cityofrahway.com)

## APRIL 15

**APRIL 16**  
Senior Art Show (SEN)  
Ring of Combat Mixed Martial Arts (REC)  
[www.ringofcombat.com](http://www.ringofcombat.com)

**APRIL 17**  
The Jazz Club at UCPAC Presents Groove Explorations (L)

**APRIL 21**  
American Theater Group Play: Crossing Swords (HS)

**APRIL 22**  
Clifford, The Big Red Dog - Live (MS)

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**APRIL 24**  
American Theater Group Play: Crossing Swords (HS)

**APRIL 25**  
Rahway High School Presents French Bistro Night to benefit St. Jude's Children's Hospital (RY)

**APRIL 27**  
Mayor's Birthday Breakfast (SEN)

**APRIL 28**  
American Theater Group Play: Crossing Swords (HS)

**APRIL 29**  
Senior Prom (REC)

American Theater Group Play: Crossing Swords (HS)

**APRIL 30**  
American Theater Group Play: Crossing Swords (HS)