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# THE rahway review

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# Rahway is.

## Springing Forward

### A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

#### Greetings Rahway Residents!

Welcome to the Spring edition of the Rahway Review. This edition highlights our city's accomplishments and initiatives, and the many ways I as Mayor, my administration and our City Council have—and will continue to—move Rahway forward.

Highlighting our municipal services...from our COVID19 response and the collective sacrifices of the community to save lives, to helping Rahway businesses sustain the financial effects of pandemic restrictions; stabilizing the tax structure and efficiency executing daily municipal services; sustaining community programs and proper development of our city's infrastructure; and investments in public safety including Police, Fire, EMS, and DPW within a community-first mindset...Rahway city government works for you.

Early in my term as Mayor, I asked my directors to continue providing a high level of essential services to our residents without increasing taxes. While our property taxes also include school, county, and library components, the portion that we control - the municipal component - was not increased in 2021.

I'm also proud to announce that my administration will present to the

City Council a 2022 budget which again will result in a 0% municipal tax increase. This achievement demonstrates our ability to be fiscally responsible while we continue to find additional ways to increase revenue and efficiency for our residents.

In this issue, you will find municipal budget statistics highlighting how your municipal tax dollars are working for you, and a comparison of tax rates over recent years. You will also find snapshots of how the various departments of City Hall worked to ensure a swift and efficient COVID19 response as well as disaster relief during and the days following Hurricane Ida.

As we prepare for Rahway's post-pandemic future, we'll do so in a proactive manner. Looking ahead, this issue offers insight into the work of our restructured Special Improvement District to increase the impact of true economic development efforts for our businesses; features programs and services for our seniors; highlights our investments in community gathering spaces and infrastructure; and presents a full calendar of Spring events.

Throughout May and June, the Mayor's Music Series will showcase

local, live musicians every Friday and Saturday night downtown. Throughout the summer, AB Salute House will host their widely popular House Music Festivals in the Rahway Recreation Center parking lot. The annual Mayor's Concert Series closes out our summer outdoor concerts in August.

One of Rahway's longest running and most popular events, Hot Rods and Harleys is just a few weeks away on May 14th. In addition, the City of Rahway is partnering with the Rahway Social Justice Commission to celebrate Juneteenth, and the Rahway Environmental Commission and the Rahway River Watershed Association to host the second annual Riverfest on June 25th

It has been said that "If you want to experience significant progress toward your goal, you need to be intentional about the work you're doing every day." That notion is a guiding principle for me as your Mayor and for our City Council.

I look forward to seeing all of our Rahway residents throughout the City in the upcoming months - and when you do see me, make sure to say hello.

**MAYOR RAYMOND A. GIACOBBE**



Mayor Giacobbe is joined by members of City Council to distribute checks from the Nonprofit Recovery Relief Grant, totaling \$27,500 for Rahway nonprofits.

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Rahway is.  
**Business**



Rahway's Special Improvement District's vision is to ensure the viability and sustainability of the current businesses who are part of the Special Improvement District (SID) and to define, attract and develop new businesses that are beneficial to the City and its residents.

To continue these efforts, the SID has planned Spring meetings with restaurant owners, leasing companies, downtown (non-restaurant) business owners and all the other businesses that contribute to the SID. Following the direction of Mayor Raymond A. Giacobbe, the SID/City's Economic Development Office has commissioned a study to identify and inventory available space in the Central Business District and the surrounding areas. This will allow the City of Rahway to take a proactive approach to locate spaces and businesses that will enhance the quality of life for our residents.

As we look ahead, the City and SID are also nearing completion of the design that will beautify the unsightly downtown train trestles. The SID is also looking forward to the return of some great events! Get ready to rock, jam, and sway to the sounds of the many talented artists that will be a part of the **Mayor's Music Series** beginning in the Spring! Rahway is well known for its arts scene, and it will be on full display at **Arts Fest** in September! Get your tastebuds ready because **Taste of Rahway** will be hosted in the Fall of 2022 featuring an array of culinary delights from around the city!

Showing progress in the first two months of 2022, 12 new businesses have been approved to setup shop in the City of Rahway.

**Moazz Mediterranean Grill**

928 St. Georges Ave, Rahway • www.moazzmg.com  
Mediterranean fast-food restaurant that proudly serves freshly made halal food. Build your own healthy Mediterranean meal with choice of vegetarian, vegan and more.



**Recap of Rahway's Soup Stroll**

As 20 different restaurants took part in the 2022 Soup Stroll, 5,500 FREE samples of soup were distributed.



**Stay in the know as more restaurants begin to open by following our our social media pages @Rahwayishappening on Instagram and Facebook and visiting our website Rahwayishappening.com.**



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

13,000 newsletters are printed and mailed to each postal customer in the City of Rahway. Others are distributed by request to individuals, companies and organizations interested in living or doing business in the City.

Although great care has been taken to ensure that information contained in this newsletter is accurate, the City of Rahway assumes no liability for errors or omissions.

The Rahway Review welcomes comments and concerns from its readers. These may be sent to:

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**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
Economic Development .....	827-2193
Comptroller/Finance.....	827-2020
Municipal Court.....	827-2039
Emergency Management.....	827-2120
Engineering.....	827-2176
Fire (non emergency).....	827-2155
Fire Prevention Bureau.....	827-2133
First Aid.....	911
Health Department .....	827-2085
Mayor's Office.....	827-2009
Municipal Administrator.....	827-2001
Police (non emergency) .....	827-2200
Property Maintenance .....	827-2199
Public Works.....	827-2060
Rahway Special Improvement District .....	827-2193
Recreation.....	669-3600
Recycling .....	827-2159
Tax Assessor.....	827-2030
Tax Collector .....	827-2050
SUEZ-Rahway .....	(877) 303-2435
Vital Statistics .....	827-2172

**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 Utility .....	381-8778
Post Office .....	388-3264
Rahway Redevelopment Agency .....	827-2001
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



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Mayor Raymond Giacobbe and Rahway City Council present:

# EVENTS at-a-glance

THEATER • ARTS • MUSIC • EDUCATION

**APRIL**

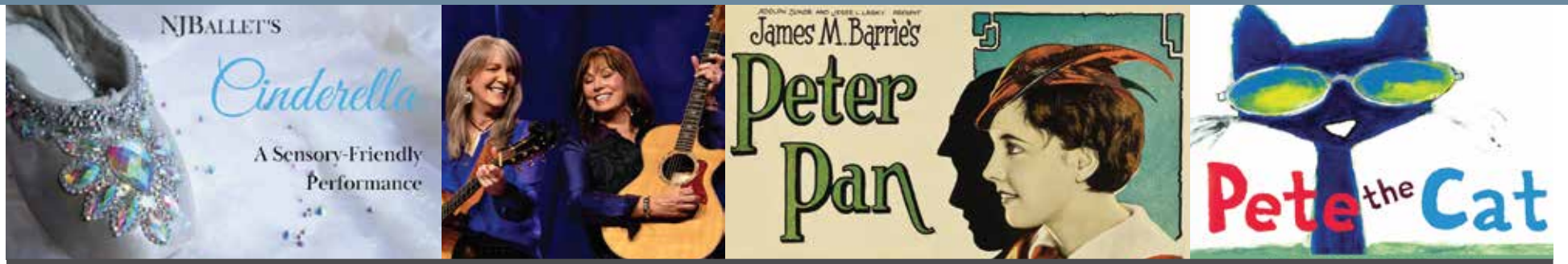
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**APRIL**  
**Saturdays (2,9,16,23,30)**  
9:30AM  
**Walk with the Mayor**  
Rahway Park near bathrooms

**April 8**  
8:00PM  
**Classic Film Series: Peter Pan (1924)**  
UCPAC Main Stage

**April 9**  
12:00PM-2:00PM  
**Easter Bunny Parade**  
Around Town

**April 16**  
10:30AM  
**Community Clean Up**  
Flanagan Field

**April 22**  
1:00PM  
**Senior Bingo**  
Senior Center

5:30PM-7:00PM  
**Ward 1 Block Party**  
Flanagan Field

**April 23**  
10:30AM  
**Community Clean Up**  
Madden Field

**April 24**  
1:00PM  
**Sensory Friendly Theatre: Pete The Cat**  
UCPAC Main Stage

1:00-4:00PM  
**Exhibit: Alternative Materials: A New Arte Povera Opening**  
The Gallery Space

**April 29**  
5:30PM-7:00PM  
**Ward 3 Block Party**  
Madden Field

8:00PM  
**Jeremy Jordan & Ashley Spencer**  
UCPAC Main Stage

**April 30**  
10:30AM  
**Community Clean Up**  
Howard Field

2:00-7:30PM  
**Mayor's Music Series: Music Festival for Restaurants**  
Rahway Train Station Plaza

**MAY**  
**Fridays (6,13,20,27)**  
**Mayor's Music Series: Live at the Paseo**

**Saturdays (7,14,21,28)**  
**Mayor's Music Series: Arts District Park Music Series**

**MAY 6**  
5:30PM-7:00PM  
**Ward 4 Block Party**  
Howard Field

**May 7**  
10:30AM  
**Community Clean Up**  
Berzinec Park

1:00PM  
**Sensory Friendly Theatre: New Jersey Ballet's Cinderella**  
UCPAC Main Stage

**OLD CROW MEDICINE SHOW PAINT THIS TOWN TOUR 2022 5.8.22 RAHWAY, NJ**

**MAY 8**  
8:00PM  
**Old Crow Medicine Show**  
UCPAC Main Stage

**MAY 13**  
5:30PM-7:00PM  
**Ward 5 & 6 Block Party**  
Berzinec Field

**May 14**  
10:30AM  
**Community Clean Up**  
Milton Lake Park

**Hot Rods and Harleys**  
Downtown 11AM- 7PM

**MAY 17**  
1:00PM  
**Senior Bingo**  
Senior Center

**MAY 20**  
5:30PM-7:00PM  
**Ward 2 Block Party**  
Milton Lake Park

**MAY 21**  
5:00-9:00PM  
**Mayor's Music Series: AB Salute House Music**  
Rec Center

**MAY 26**  
8:30-10:00PM  
**Ready Set Glow 5k Race**  
Rec Center

**JUNE**  
**Thursdays (2,9,16,23,30)**  
**Celebración**  
Cherry St.

**Fridays (3,10,17,24)**  
**Mayor's Music Series: Live at the Paseo**

**Saturdays (4,11,18,25)**  
**Mayor's Music Series: Arts District Park Music Series**

**June 2**  
**Senior Summer Kickoff Picnic**  
Info to come

**June 3**  
**Pride Flag Raising and Party**  
Rahway Train Station Plaza

**June 4**  
2:00-5:00PM  
**Kathy Mattea & Suzy Bogguss: Together at Last**  
UCPAC Main Stage

8:00PM  
**Rahway is Living Well**  
Train Station Plaza

**June 10**  
1:00PM  
**Senior Bingo**  
Senior Center

**June 11**  
5:00-9:00PM  
**Mayor's Music Series: AB Salute House Pride Event**  
Cherry St.

**June 18**  
**Juneteenth Weekend**

**June 25 & 26**  
**RiverFest**

**June 25**  
5:00-9:00PM  
**Mayor's Music Series: AB Salute House**  
Rahway Rec Center

**SAVE THE DATES!**

**July 3 | 4th of July**  
Fireworks

**Thursdays in July**  
Drive in/Walk up Movies

**August 28**  
Siore en blanc | Cherry St.

**Thurs - Sat in August**  
Mayor's Music Series

**September 17**  
Hispanic Heritage Flag Raising

**September 24**  
Rahway ArtsFest

**Fri - Sat in September**  
Mayor's Music Series

## TEEN CORNER

**Academic Achievements for Rahway High School Senior Shyanne Guillette**



Rahway High School senior Shyanne Guillette may appear at first somewhat unassuming, but it's only her natural inclination toward modesty that conceals her accomplishments, ambition, and aspirations. Shyanne has had straight A's for her entire high school career and, in June, will graduate 5th in her class. Shyanne has never been diverted from her academic and professional goals or her hopeful outlook on life.

When she earned admission to the University of Pennsylvania a few months ago, it was an achievement many years in the making. She had worked hard her entire life, so if the acceptance letter was a surprise, perhaps it wasn't a total shock. But when the \$83,000-a-year bill arrived, followed by the news that Penn was paying the whole thing, it's hard to imagine anyone, no matter how determined, bright, or exceptional, not having to pause and catch her breath at such an overwhelming gift and opportunity.

The City of Rahway is proud to see one of its own shine and excel in her academic achievements. We wish her the best of luck at the University of Pennsylvania!

**TEEN WORKS**

Applications can be picked up at the Rahway Recreation Center, the Rahway High School Attendance Office, or by emailing MattKowal@cityofrahway.com. Applications will be accepted through Friday, May 6, 2022

**LEADERS IN TRAINING**  
A College and Career Development Program

Education & Job Programs for Rahway's Youth  
Ages 14 - 18

**register.communitypass.net/rahway/**

# RAHWAY'S UNIQUE SENIORSCENE

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

## DIVISION OF SENIOR SERVICES



*Sharon Young paused during the crochet class at the Senior Center to take a picture.*

### Prescription Assistance

The annual income limits of two state-funded prescription drug benefit programs increased by \$10,000 in 2022.

### Pharmaceutical Assistance for the Aged and Disabled (PAAD)

For seniors 65+ and adults with disabilities with income up to \$38,769 if single, \$45,720 if married.

Costs for prescriptions covered under this program may be as low as \$5 or \$7.

The program may also pay your Medicare Part D monthly premium.

You may also be eligible for a \$225 utility credit.

### Senior Gold Prescription Drug Discount Program

Cut your prescription costs in half after a \$15 co-pay.

For residents age 65+ and adults with disabilities with incomes up to \$48,769 if single, \$55,720 if married.

Applications are available at the Senior Center.

### Organ Concerts

Mayor Raymond A. Giacobbe, The Rahway City Council and the Garden State Theatre Organ Society will be sponsoring monthly organ concerts at the Rahway Senior Center.

**April 6 – Paul Citti**

**May 4 – Luke Stasiunis**

**June 1 – Brett Miller**

These talented musicians will play on the historic Wurlitzer Theatre Pipe Organ that was once played in the Rainbow Room in New York and is now housed at the Rahway Senior Center. The concerts are free and start at 2:00 pm.

For more information or to register, please call (732) 827-2016.

Mayor Raymond A. Giacobbe and the Rahway City Council present

Senior Services Celebrate

Spring Luncheon



**Tuesday  
April 12**

**2 seatings  
11am & 1:15pm**

**Senior Center**

**1306 Esterbrook Ave**

**Menu:**

**Ham, Turkey, or Tuna sub**

Tickets are available at the Senior Center \$3 until Monday, April 4 \$8 starting Tuesday, April 5

Rahway Seniors Only

For info (732) 827-2016

There will also be an option for a take-out luncheon. Drive to the Rec Center and your luncheon will be delivered to the car between 11:15am-12:15pm.



### Celebrating Ann Quigley

Mayor Raymond Giacobbe, the Rahway City Council, and the community congratulate Ann Quigley on her 100th birthday!

Ann Quigley was born Anna Cardillo in February 1922 in Newark, NJ. She was the 2nd of 5 children. She had an older and younger sister and two younger brothers. Her mom was a very giving person and would help as many people as she could. As a child Ann liked playing with her siblings and her favorite game was jacks. She really enjoyed watching her father, who worked on the railroad, doing chores around the house. She specifically enjoyed watching him paint and wondered if this was an indication of her future interest in art. Whenever he would paint the walls in a room, Ann was fascinated by it all and just wanted to pick up a brush and paint. Ann's family owned a piano and she liked to tinker on it and took lessons for about a year, but her real interest was art. Ann enjoyed school and in her junior year she left public school to attend the secretarial program at Blessed Sacrament in Newark.

Before her 17th birthday, a girl friend introduced her to a young man over the phone. After talking he asked to meet her in person and it was love at first sight. His name was Herbert E. Quigley and they were married in 6 months after her graduation from high school. They settled down in Newark and Ann gave birth to 2 boys. They then moved to Irvington

where they had their third child, a girl. In 1979 Ann and her husband moved to Rahway where she has lived for the last 40 years.

Ann was a longtime member of a church choir singing during evening services. Ann enjoyed attending mass at St. Mary's until she stopped driving. Ann has 7 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren with an 8th on the way. Education has always been very important in her life and she impressed the importance of education to her children. She worked at the offices of Hatfield and Wire in Hillside and upon retiring started visiting the Rahway Senior Center. To this day she is still active at the Rahway Senior Center and comes to classes 3 times a week.

Ann disassembled a picnic table that was the setting for many happy family gatherings with her children and grandchildren. She later painted lighthouses on the worn pieces of wood and gifted a painting to all her grandchildren. Ann was ahead of her time with recycling. Ann is a talented painter and has shown her art in many shows at the Senior Center where she has been coming for over 30 years. She has made many friends over the years at the Senior Center and lights up the room when she enters.

### Property Tax Reimbursement

The Property Tax Reimbursement Program reimburses eligible senior citizens and disabled persons for property tax increases on their principal residence. This state program "freezes" your taxes the year you become eligible and every year you are reimbursed the difference. You must be 65 by 12/31/2019 or receiving federal Social Security disability benefits, lived in NJ for 10 years and in your current home for the last three years. The income limit for 2021 is \$94,178 and includes income that is not reported on a NJ tax return, such as social security benefits, disability benefits and tax exempt interest. If you are not currently enrolled in this program, please call 1-800-882-6597 and request a PTR-1 booklet. If you need assistance filling out the PTR-1, please call (732)827-2016 and make an appointment with an AARP tax specialist.

### Program Registration

The Rahway Senior Center offers a variety of exercise, craft, art, as well as, memoir writing and meditation classes that will start on April 25. You may register at the Senior Center, Recreation Center or online at [www.cityofrahway.org](http://www.cityofrahway.org). Most programs are \$5 for Rahway residents age 60+. Adult Rahway residents may register at the regular adult fee.

### Senior Citizen Bus Transportation

Bus transportation is available to all Rahway residents 60 years of age and older. Please call (732) 669-3605 between the hours of 8:30 am and 3:30 pm to schedule transportation.

### Rahway Senior Clubs Meeting Schedule

The following clubs meet at the Rahway Senior Center:

**Rahway Retired Men's Club**

Meets every Monday at 1 PM  
Pres. Charles Sweetman  
(732)574-8976

**Ladies Golden Age Club**

Meets every Wednesday at 12:15 PM  
Pres. Pat Carson  
(732)215-4174

**A.A.R.P. Chapter #607**

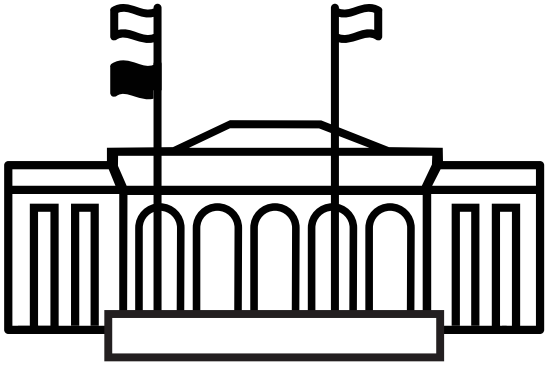
Meets 2nd Thursday of the month at 12 Noon  
Pres. Delores Franklin  
(732)499-7986

# Rahway is at work.

Continuing in Mayor Giacobbe's initiative for communication between our City and residents, the "Rahway is... At Work" campaign continues to document an inside look at how the City of Rahway works for its residents. Over the past few months, we've looked at the Special Improvement District and how they prep for major holiday events; Police and Fire and how they prep for their days of ensuring public safety; the Rahway Recreation Department and how it helps bridge the gap between community and government; Rahway Department of Public Works and how they perform their duties keeping our community safe and clean; as well as the grant writing process so the City can ensure that projects are well funded and completed without the need to raise taxes.

## Special Improvement District • Police Department • Fire Department • DPW • Department of Recreation

**1**-Mayor Giacobbe delivers Valentine's meals to seniors   **2**-Mayor Giacobbe discusses grant projects with city officials   **3**-Rahway DPW performing tree work  
**4**-Rahway Police Department conducts daily roll call   **5**-Rahway Engineering Division oversees the annual road and sidewalk improvement projects.   **6**-Rahway Fire Dept. conducts ice rescue training   **7**-Mayor Giacobbe gives remarks at the Martin Luther King Jr Day celebration, organized by Rahway Rec Center and Rahway Social Justice Commission  
**8**-Council President Joanna Miles and husband Eric enjoy free soup samples from Rahway's Soup Stroll.



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## CITY COUNCIL



Mayor  
Raymond A. Giacobbe

**Rahway City Council**

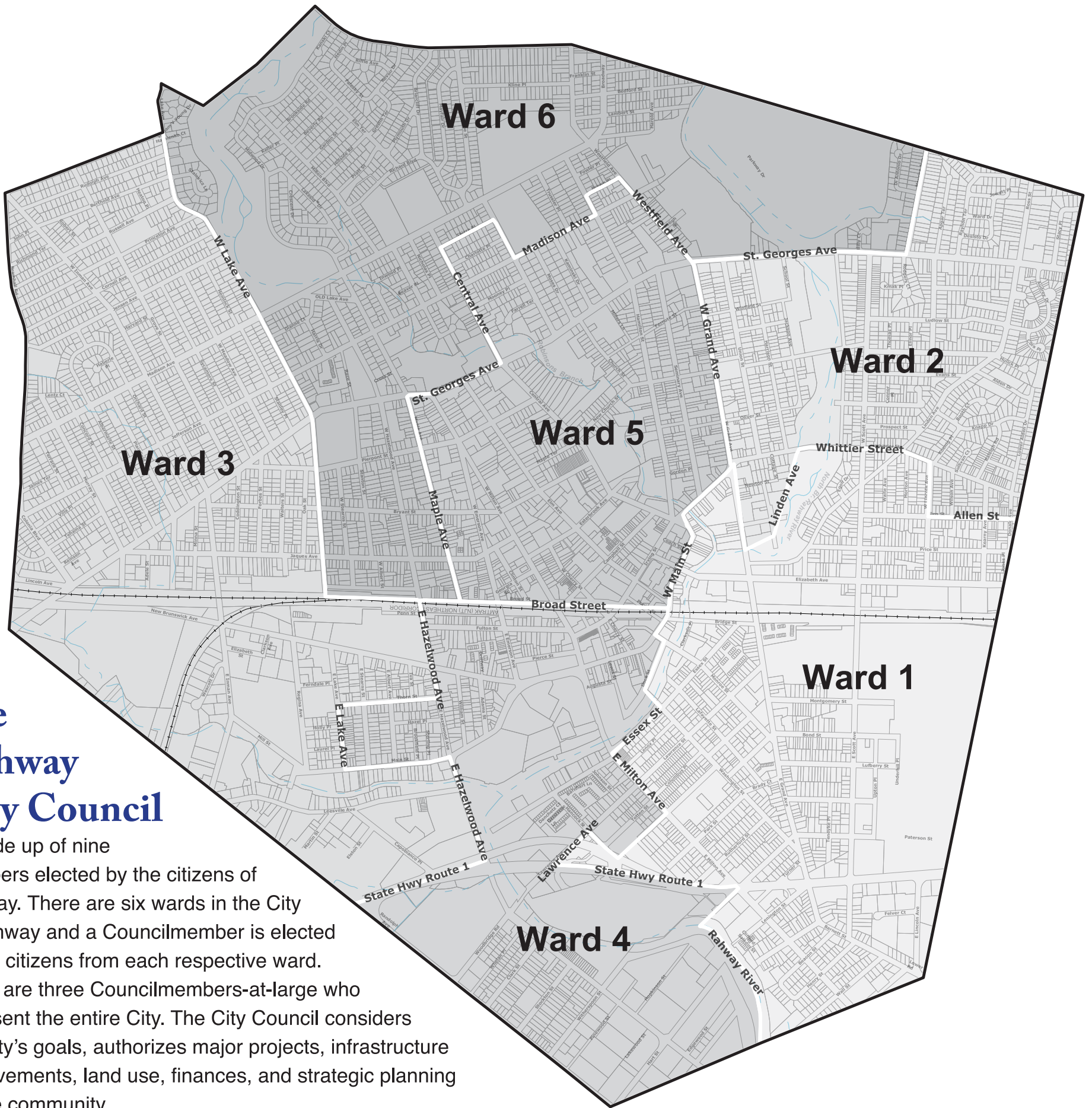


<b>First Ward</b> Rodney Farrar rfarrar@cityofrahway.com	<b>Second Ward</b> Michael Cox mcox@cityofrahway.com	<b>Third Ward</b> Vannie Deloris Parson vdparson@cityofrahway.com	<b>Fourth Ward</b> David Brown Council Vice-President dbrown@cityofrahway.com	<b>Fifth Ward</b> Danielle "Danni" Newbury dnewbury@cityofrahway.com	<b>Sixth Ward</b> Joe Gibilisco jgibilisco@cityofrahway.com
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**Councilmembers At-Large**



<b>Joanna Miles</b> Council President jmiles@cityofrahway.com	<b>Jeremy Mojica</b> jmojica@cityofrahway.com	<b>Jeffrey Brooks</b> jbrooks@cityofrahway.com
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## The Rahway City Council

is made up of nine members elected by the citizens of Rahway. There are six wards in the City of Rahway and a Councilmember is elected by the citizens from each respective ward. There are three Councilmembers-at-large who represent the entire City. The City Council considers the City's goals, authorizes major projects, infrastructure improvements, land use, finances, and strategic planning for the community.


**The Rahway Municipal Clerk** is Secretary to both City Council and Administration. The Clerk is tasked with preparing and distributing meeting agendas, attending all meetings of the governing body, maintaining minutes of the proceedings of every meeting, certifying, and retaining the original copies of all ordinances and resolutions, and placing legal notices. To contact the Rahway Municipal Clerk's Office, please call 732-827-2100.

# CITY OF RAHWAY COMMUNITY ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS



**ONGOING PANDEMIC PROCESSES**  
**Covid response:**

- **Non Profit Grant**
  - 15 non profit organizations, \$27,500 total in grants
- **Rahway CARES Act 1 & 2**
  - Over \$500,000 distributed to the local businesses
- **Testing Center**
- **Vaccination Clinic**
  - 9935 vaccinations given to date
- **Senior Wellness Calls & Transportation to Vaccination Clinic**
- **Food Distribution Events**
- **Outdoor Pavilions**



**Community Engagement/Relations**

- **Parks and Recreation**
  - 97% of Rahway residents live within 10 minutes of a park
  - 5 City Parks Renovated with SoftSurface padding
  - In person tutoring program
- **Senior Center**
  - 1,000 meals from over 30 restaurants delivered to seniors as part of outreach programs
  - Home Improvement Grant
  - FREE Senior Transportation Service
    - Over 6,000 rides
    - Transported seniors to receive over 1,000 vaccines
  - Senior tax prep service approved by the State to continue operating during pandemic
- **Special Improvement District**
  - 27 New businesses opened in 2021



**QUALITY OF LIFE IMPROVEMENTS**  
**Public Safety**

- **DPW**
  - Removed 1,000 tons of debris after Hurricane IDA
  - Snow removal of a total of 33.5 inches of snow
  - Received Tree Inventory Grant
- **Office of Emergency Management**
  - Revamping of City Emergency Planning
- **Engineering**
  - Approximately \$2.5 Million spent in road resurfacing in 2021




**Proactive Planning for Rahway's Future**


- **Federal Flood Study**
- **Downtown Strategic Plan**
- **E. Cherry Street Streetscape Project**
- **Main Street Boulevard Project**
- **Rahway Tree Committee**
  - Tree Inventory
- **Investment in the Arts**
  - Mayor's Music Series - Spring/Summer weekly live music events
  - Arts & Culture Committee to identify space, themes, and local artists for a Mural Project

## 2021 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

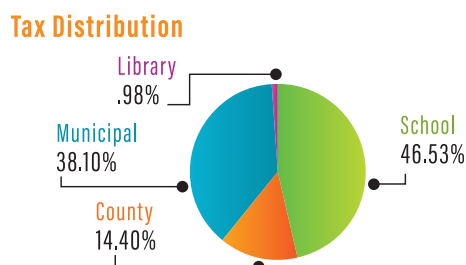
 **Bond Rating**  
 Using Standard & Poor's (S&P) Global Rating System  
 Bonds: A1 with stable outlook  
 Notes: MIG1 (highest available for short term)

 **Budget Snapshot**

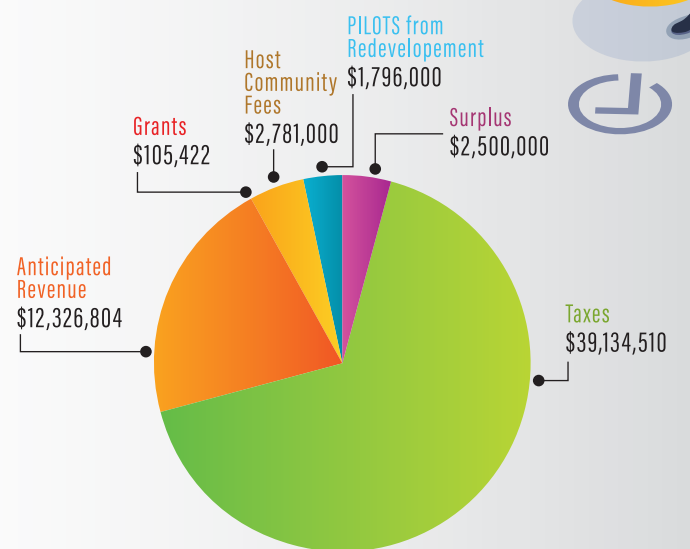
Total Appropriations 2021	\$58,643,736
Total Appropriations 2020	\$56,739,732
<b>Difference = 3.36%</b>	<b>\$1,904,004</b>
Municipal Tax Rate 2021	2.715
Municipal Tax Rate 2020	2.715
<b>Difference = 0.00%</b>	<b>0.000</b>
Average Municipal Taxes 2021	\$3,611
Average Municipal Taxes 2020	\$3,611
<b>Difference = 0.00%</b>	<b>\$0</b>

 **Tax History**

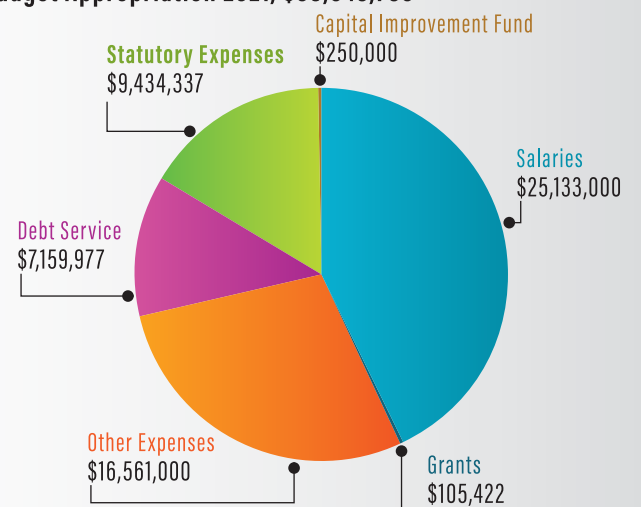
Year	Tax Rate	% Adjustment	Average %
2014	2.34	1.5%	
2015	2.43	4.1%	
2016	2.46	1.2%	2.27%
2017	2.52	2.5%	
2018	2.58	2.3%	
2019	2.61	1.3%	2.03%
2020	2.65	1.3%	
2021	2.65	0.0%	
2022	2.65	0.0%	0.43%



**Municipal Budget Revenue 2021, \$58,643,736**




**Municipal Budget Appropriation 2021, \$58,643,736**



# CITY OF RAHWAY GRANTS

Mayor Raymond Giacobbe and his administration actively pursue grant funding to ensure City projects are achieved without raising taxes. Some examples of how the City implements grant funding:



Union County History, Education, Arts Reaching Thousands (HEART) Grant  
Received for 2021  
\$2,500.00





The City partnered with the Social Justice Commission (SJC) to present a speaker series focused on social justice and equity in the workplace.




In January 2021, we received a \$1,953 portion of a grant from Amazon by way of United Way of Greater Union County. This money was used to purchase meals from local restaurants as part of the Be Our Valentine meal delivery initiative for seniors.

## PARKS AND RECREATION GRANTS







**Grant title:** UC Event Sponsorships  
**Date received:** 2021  
**Amount:** \$12,000  
\$2,000 event sponsorships for 6 different events: Live Well Expo, Independence Day Firework Show, Halloween Spooktacular, Winter Wonderland, ¡Baile! Rahway's Free Dance Party, and Ready Set Glow 5k Night Run




**Grant title:** UC Recreation Kid's Trust  
**Date received:** Awarded in 2020  
**Amount:** \$25,645  
Funding to repair Basketball Court at Howard Park (estimated completion 2022)




**Grant title:** UC Recreation Kid's Trust  
**Date received:** Awarded Oct, 2021  
**Amount:** \$60,000  
Funding to replace play structure at Grover Cleveland School. Estimated Completion 2022



**Grant title:** DCA Local Rec Grant Award  
**Date received:** Awarded January 2021  
**Amount:** \$70,000  
Funding to replace play structure at Grover Cleveland School. Estimated Completion 2022



**Grant title:** Union County Local Arts Program (LAP)  
**Date received:** 2022  
**Amount:** \$4,500  
Funding for Gallery Space Summer Art Workshops



**Grant title:** Recreational Opportunities for Individuals with Disabilities Grant  
**Date received:** 2021  
**Amount:** \$16,400  
Funding to make the Summer Playtime in the Park Program inclusive for individuals with disabilities and special needs.

## Economic Development Grants

**Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Accomplishments for Program Year (PY)46, September 2020 – August 2021; PY47, September 2021 – August 2022.**

- Road Improvement Program (PY46 - \$270,000; PY47 - \$278,000)** – PY46 funds were used to successfully milled and paved Kaminski Drive (Jefferson Ave to St Georges Ave) and Moses Drive (Jefferson Ave to St Georges Ave). Appropriate striping and curb cuts were also inserted as well. PY47 funds will be used to resurface Whelan Place (E Hazelwood Ave to Randolph Ave), Clark Street (E Hazelwood Ave to Randolph Ave) and Lufberry Street (E Scott Ave to E Grand Ave) during 2022.
- Home Improvement Program ( PY46 - \$304,000; PY47 – \$304,000)** – PY46 funds were used to repair 12 Rahway homes for qualifying low and moderate income residents based on federal income requirements. 5 of the homes were senior owned. Repairs include the fixing of roofs, gutters and leaders, windows and doors, heating, plumbing, painting, kitchens and electrical work. PY47 funds will be used to repair approximately 15 Rahway homes for low and moderate income residents and seniors throughout 2022.
- Code Enforcement Program (PY46 - \$27,000; PY47 - \$24,000)** – PY46 funds were used to pay for part of the salary of a code enforcement official, who successfully inspected 228 Rahway households. These inspections included Certificates of Continued Occupancy, tenant and property maintenance, neighbor complaints, and fire safety inspections. PY47 funds will be used to continue to pay part of the salary of a code enforcement official, who will inspect approximately 200+ Rahway households during 2022.
- Senior Public Services Program (PY46 - \$14,250; PY47 - \$14,250)** – PY46 funds were used to benefit roughly 1223 Rahway seniors. These funds were used to pay for senior meals, supplies for senior activities, including: craft supplies and cabinets for the senior center. Successful programs included tax preparation assistance, 420 Valentine's Day meals being distributed to local seniors, 317 meals for the senior picnic. PY47 funds will be used to benefit approximately 1,000+ Rahway seniors for 2022.
- Policy & Planning (PY46 - \$105,000; PY47 - \$105,000)** – PY46 funds were spent on the salary of the Grant Administrator to successfully administer and execute the City of Rahway's entire CDBG Program. PY47 funds will also be used for the Grant Administrator's salary for 2022.

## HEALTH DEPARTMENT GRANTS

**1**

**First Grant**  
**Grant Title:** Strengthening Local Public Health Capacity 2021  
**Date Received:** 1/26/2021  
**Amount:** \$142,236  
To boost local public health capacity and support Covid-19 response initiatives.

**2**

**Second Grant**  
**Grant Title:** Strengthening Local Public Health Capacity 2022  
**Date Received:** 7/6/2021  
**Amount:** \$291,042  
To boost local public health capacity and support Covid-19 response initiatives.

**3**

**Third Grant**  
**Grant Title:** COVID-19 Vaccination Supplemental Funding 2022  
**Date Received:** 7/15/2021  
**Amount:** \$50,000  
To provide Rahway Health Department funding to sustain Covid-19 mass vaccination efforts.

## ENGINEERING GRANTS

**Road and Sidewalk Improvements**  
NJDOT Trust Fund  
\$448,000

**E. Cherry St Streetscape**  
NJDOT Transportation Alternatives Program  
\$630,000

**Main Street Boulevard Improvements**  
NJDOT Municipal Discretionary Aid  
\$500,000

**Madden Field Phase II**  
Green Acres  
\$1 million