Rahway's Unique Senior Scene

Seniors Halloween Party

Attendees dressed up in spooky, creative costumes and a prize was given to the best and scariest design. The party included lunch, a DJ, prizes, games, and everyone left with a goody bag to enjoy at home. A good time was had by all at this festive Halloween party.







SENIORS ENJOYED
AN AFTERNOON
OF HALLOWEEN FUN
AT THE RAHWAY
RECREATION
CENTER!





Rahway Senior Wellness Dav

The Rahway Health Department, along with Division of Senior Services, hosted their first annual Rahway Senior Wellness Day. They offered free Covid-19 boosters, flu shots, blood pressure screening, and pulmonary screening.

Our Health Department staff, Rahway Hospital, and Division of Aging were on site to answer any health questions related to the service they provide. Lots of health information and many prizes were given out as well. All participants were provided with a healthy boxed lunch. The event was very successful and it is one of many important services that is being provided to the community.



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 Weds. at 12:15PM Pres. Pat Carson (732) 215-4174 A.A.R.P. Chapter #607 Meets 2nd Thurs. of month at 12:00PM Pres. Delores Franklin (732) 499-7986

For more information on Senior Services and Programs, please call the Rahway Division of Senior Services: (732) 827-2016

Rahway is at work

Building Codes & Regulations | Lead Inspection Info Did You Know?

The City's Department of Code Enforcement stays up to date with state and federal code requirements and is in the process of adopting new building codes and regulations and phasing out the previous iterations. During a 6-month transition period that began on September 15, 2022 and will end on March 15, 2023, both previous and new codes and regulations will be accepted by the Building Division. After March 15, only the newly adopted codes and regulations will be accepted. The following codes are subject to these updates: International Building Code/2021 (w/ NJ edits), National Standard Plumbing Code/2021, National Electrical Code/2020, International Energy Conservation Code/2021, International Mechanical Code/2021, International Residential Code/2021 (w/ NJ edits), International Fuel Gas Code/2021, and ICC/ANSI A117.1-2017. Our Building Division staff will work to inform contractors and property owners on how to construct improvements and keep their buildings safe and compliant.

In addition to building codes and regulations updates, the City of Rahway passed an ordinance on November 9, 2022, pursuant to P.L. 2021, c. 182, that will address Lead-Based Paint Inspections and Certificates of Occupancy at all rental dwelling units. The new standard requires residential rental properties built before 1978, including single-family, two-family, and/or multiple dwelling units, to obtain a visual lead-based paint inspection, provided by the City of Rahway. If any potential issues are detected, a dust wipe sampling and testing at additional cost will be necessary.

To obtain a certificate of approval for a residential property, an application, inspection, and \$100 fee paid to the City are required for each ongoing certificate. Any structure containing more than one habitable unit will be charged a fee of \$100 per unit for each original certificate and \$1 for each copy. If the property was built before 1978, the fee will be \$125 per unit. Commercial properties will be charged \$200 for each original CCO with a \$1 charge for each copy. A temporary certificate of approval for continued occupancy (TCCO) can be issued for a period up to 120 days if more time is needed to meet inspection requirements. Lead-based paint inspections are required every three years, or at tenant turnover, whichever occurs first.





E. Cherry Street Streetscape & Pocket Park Projects

Rahway's Engineering Division is hard at work to continue improving our downtown area with two exciting upcoming projects on E. Cherry Street. The E. Cherry Street Streetscape Improvement Project, spanning from Main Street to Irving Street, will beautify E. Cherry Street while enhancing its usability as a pedestrian-friendly environment. Improvements include ten-foot-wide concrete sidewalks, a parking lane with removal bollards to allow for outdoor dining and events, and upgrades to the crosswalk areas. Trees will be installed along the street to create an inviting, green streetscape to encourage pedestrian traffic and calmer driving speeds. The E. Cherry Street Streetscape Project is expected to start in the fall of 2024, pending state approvals.

Next is the E. Cherry Street Pocket Park. Located between local businesses, opposite the Monroe Street extension, this park will serve as a quiet escape from the hustle of downtown Rahway. It will feature an open space with paved paths, custom seating, trees and shrubbery, and a lawn area perfect for a mid-day picnic. This space will also be capable of hosting outdoor events, gatherings, and concerts in a convenient and scenic outdoor area. The E. Cherry Street Pocket Park Project is expected to start in the summer of 2023.

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Veterans Day Commemoration

Councilman Jeff Brooks shaking hands with Robert P. Gentry, Elder Chaplain of the Union County American Legion, at Rahway's Annual Veterans Day Commemoration. Hosted by the Rahway Veteran Central Committee, attendees gathered at Memorial Square to honor our veterans.



Turkey Deliveries

Councilman Joseph Gibilisco at Rahway
Housing Authority assisting with the delivery
of turkeys for Thanksgiving. Organized by
Mayor Raymond A. Giacobbe and the
Rahway City Council, 400 14-16lb Driscoll
Farm turkeys were delivered to local senior
citizen apartment buildings for residents and
churches for distribution to those in need.
This annual program has grown to include 9
senior facilities and 5 houses of worship with
further expansion planned for 2023.



Rahway Tree Lighting

Rahway's Annual Tree Lighting is proudly presented by Mayor Raymond A. Giacobbe and the Rahway City Council. Having originated in 1981, the Tree Lighting has been a staple of the holiday season in our community for over four decades and remains one of our most attended events of the year.

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Youth-Related Programming



To register visit: tinyurl.com/kf7x7z9e
For instructions and guide visit:
tinyurl.com/y3pyjx2h

Rahway CREATES! 2023 Rahway Citywide Student Art Exhibition

The City of Rahway has partnered with the National Council of Negro Women – Rahway Chapter, the Gateway Family YMCA, and Atelier Rosal to invite all Rahway students to express their creativity and showcase their work to our families and community at the 2023 Rahway Citywide Student Art Exhibition. The exhibition will be displayed at various locations city-wide from February 17th to March 3rd.

New programs for children debuting in 2023!

The Department of Recreation and Senior services is excited to announce the addition of two new programs starting in January to the winter lineup of programs: Intro to Improv and Youth Storytelling (photography)! Intro to Improv is a program where children in grades 6 – 8 will learn the form of live theatre in which the plot, characters and dialogue of a game, scene or story are made up in the moment. The program will be led by the Rahway Actor's Theatre, a collective of professional actors looking to further develop the arts in the City of Rahway. Youth Storytelling (photography) is a program where children in grades 3 – 5 will learn what it is like being behind and in front of the lens. They will discover how to create multiple visual stories, play various roles, and accomplish their visions. Students are exposed to hands-on, project-based learning.

For more information on either program or to register, please contact the Department of Recreation and Senior Services at 732-669-3600 or by visiting register.community-pass.net/rahway



Leaders in Training!

Leaders in Training is an innovative youth development program designed to equip future leaders in our community with the knowledge and skills they need to excel in today's world. Presented in partnership with Supreme Wise Consulting, the program features weekly sessions at the Rahway Recreation Center, each focused on a different topic including conflict resolution, goals and challenges, self-motivation, financial planning, pre-college programs, and more. All residents aged 14 – 18 are eligible to participate. There is no charge, and participants can attend one, some, or all of the sessions. To register please visit register.communitypass.net/rahway or call the Department of Recreation to receive the drop-in schedule.



Rahway High School Cross Country – Micah Lawson

On Wednesday, November 9, 2022, at the monthly Rahway City Council meeting, Mayor Raymond A. Giacobbe and the Rahway City Council recognized Micah Lawson, a member of the Rahway High School Cross Country team, for his accomplishments in the sport throughout the 2022 season.

During the first weekend of November, Micah helped lead his team to an 11th place finish at the NJSIAA Group 3 Championships where he became the second Group Champion in Rahway history, a feat that had not been achieved in our city since 1960. His impressive run time beat

his own school record by 50 seconds, helping him punch his ticket to the NJSIAA XC Meet of Champions that took place at Holmdel Park on Saturday, November 12, 2022.

Micah closed out his senior cross country season by taking 1st place at the XC Meet of Champions with a race time of 15:33.00, becoming the first winner in Rahway High School history and the second in Union County history. Following his success throughout high school, Micah was heavily recruited by several colleges. On Thursday, November 17, 2022, with family, friends, teammates, coaches, and teachers by his side, Micah signed his National Letter of Intent to attend Rutgers University where he looks forward to continuing his running career.







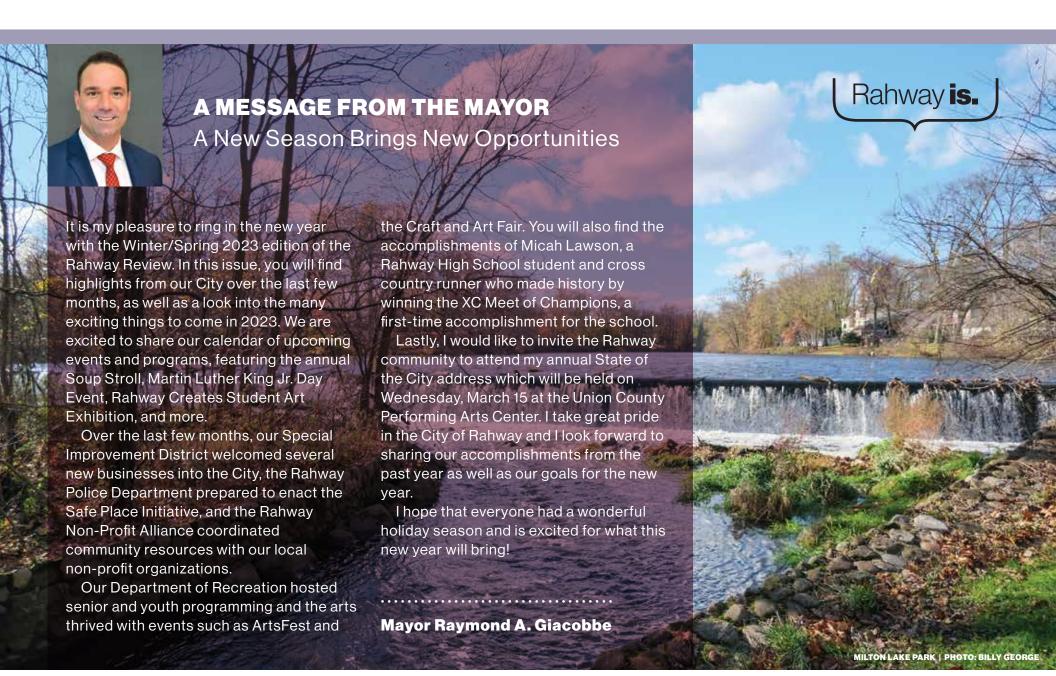








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Rahway's Special Improvement District

The mission of the Special Improvement District is to create a positive climate that helps our current businesses succeed and to attract new businesses that contribute to the quality of life and long-term success of the City. To that end, we will be opening the **Business Improvement Grant Program** in early 2023 for new and existing businesses. These grants can be used to update equipment, create a new sign or freshen up the look of a business. Current Rahway businesses will be receiving information by email and standard mail. If you have ever thought about opening a business, this might be your sign to get started! Be sure to keep an eye out for details on rahwayishappening.com.

NEW BUSINESS

THE CITY WELCOMES YOU!

Dreams Nail Salon

On October 14th, Mayor Raymond Giacobbe cut the ribbon for recently opened Dreams Nail Salon at 978 St. Georges Avenue. Opening their second business in town, owners Carolina and her brother Siro are making their mark in the personal care business. Offering professional and modern nail care, Carolina strives to satisfy every customer's needs. Be sure to check out the beautiful, and newly renovated salon.





Lifestyle International Realty

In September, Lifestyle International opened its doors at 1546 Main Street. An expanding national realtor, their focus is on residential homes and condos, but offer commercial and investment properties as well. Recognizing the attractive qualities of our downtown, the appeal of our diverse community and growing population, local broker Jorge Casalins, advocated to open Lifestyle's newest branch office in Rahway. Believing everyone deserves to own a home, their passionate, professional agents use state of the art technology, plus their expertise in the ever changing real estate market to deliver for each client, and guide them toward finding the perfect home.



Costa Rica Beauty Salon

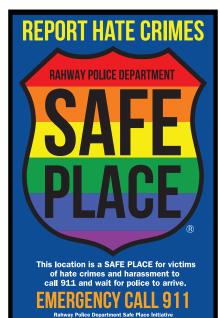
Early this fall city councilmembers, Joanna Miles and Jeffrey Brooks, welcomed Costa Rica Beauty Salon, located at 2177 St. Georges Avenue, to Rahway's expanding business community. Once inside, customers will discover a luxurious spa experience in a comfortable, welcoming environment. Specializing in today's newest beauty innovations, whether you desire a year round sun-kissed tanned glow, a specialized waxing or a non-surgical aesthetic treatment, Andrea and Lizzett will make sure you leave their doors ready for any occasion, looking and feeling like you are on top of the world.

Stay in the know by following us on social media @Rahwayishappening on Instagram and Facebook and by visiting us at Rahwayishappening.com.

Rahway Police Department

Safe Place Initiative

The Rahway Police Department (RPD) is proud to be the 320th Law Enforcement agency within the United States, Canada, and Europe to enact the Safe Place Initiative. Originally developed by the Seattle Police Department in 2015 to assist the victims of hate crimes and student bullying, this initiative seeks to enhance collaboration between the RPD, local businesses and organizations, and schools to make communities a safer place for all by helping educate the public on the reporting of hate crimes.



Participating businesses will display the Rahway Police Department Safe Place sticker in their main entrance or window to let the public know that they are a safe environment in the event that a hate crime needs to be reported. Participating businesses will call 911 immediately if a victim of a crime (especially a hate crime) enters their business and to allow the victim to remain in a public area until police arrive. This program covers all hate crimes and reassures the victim that they will be heard, treated with care, dignity, and respect from the business they enter to find help as well as the police officers that respond to investigate.

Any business that wants to become a participant can visit RahwayPolice.com/SafePlace and fill out the decal request form. Participation in the RPD Safe Place Initiative is free and voluntary. Your application will be sent directly to the Rahway Police Department's Safe Place Coordinator who will mail your decal and provide necessary information on the responsibilities as participant of the initiative.

RAHWAY MUNICIPAL DIRECTORY

If you are prompted to leave a message when calling any of the following numbers, please be assured that your call will be returned as soon as possible. All area codes are 732 unless otherwise specified.

Helpful Numbers

Municipal Offices	
Building Inspector	827-2087
City Clerk	
Economic Development	827-2193
Emergency Management	827-2120
Engineering and Land Use	827-2176
Finance	827-2020
Fire (non-emergency)	827-2155
Fire Prevention Bureau	827-2133
First Aid	911
Health Department	
Mayor's Office	
Municipal Administrator	827-2001
Municipal Court	827-2039
Police (non-emergency)	827-2200
Property Maintenance	827-2199
Public Works	
Rahway Special Improvement	
District	
Recreation	
Recycling	
Tax Assessor	827-2030
Tax Collector	
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Vital Statistics	827-2172
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Board of Education	396-1000	
NJ Transit9	73-275-5555	
Parking Utility	381-8778	
Police Athletic League	827-2097	
Post Office	388-3264	
Rahway Library	340-1551	
Rahway Redevelopment Agen	ncy 827-2001	
Rahway Y.M.C.A	388-0057	
RWJU Hospital at Rahway	381-4200	
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 Franklin School396-1050 Grover Cleveland School......396-1040 Madison School 396-1070 Roosevelt School 396-1060

The Rahway Review keeps 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: City of Rahway • Office of the Mayor • 1 City Hall Plaza, Rahway, NJ 07065

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JANUARY 2023 EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	35MM FILM SERIES: ONCE UPON A TIME IN HOLLYWOOD UCPAC 8PM-11PM	SOUP STROLL Participating Restaurants 1PM-4PM WHAT'S THE WORD Melao Café and Creamery 6PM
Exhibit: MYTHOS Jan 8 - Feb 3 The Gallery Space Opening Reception 1PM-4PM	9	10	11	12	13	SOUP STROLL Participating Restaurants 1PM-4PM
15	MLK BIRTHDAY BREAKFAST Location TBA Time TBA	Adult Art Class DRAWING PRINCIPLES 7PM-9:30PM REC	Adult Art Class PAINTING/OILS & ACRYLICS 7PM-9:30PM REC Teen Art Class (Ages 12-16) ACRYLIC PAINTING 4PM-5:30PM REC	Adult Art Class OIL PAINTING BASICS PLUS 10AM-12:30PM REC Youth Art Class (Ages 6-11) SCULPTURE FOR KIDS 4PM-5:30PM REC	20	SOUP STROLL Participating Restaurants 1PM-4PM
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LOCATION KEY

Adult Art Class

DRAWING PRINCIPLES

7PM-9:30PM

REC

Youth Art Class (Ages 6-11)

DRAWING EXPLORATION 4PM-5:30PM

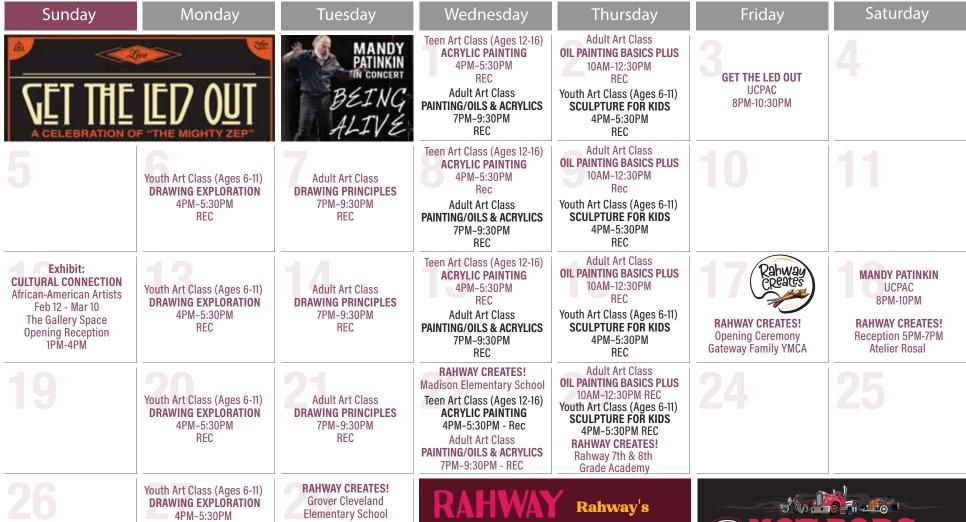
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UCPAC: Union County Performing Arts Center
TSP: Train Station Plaza
REC: Recreation Center, 3 City Hall Plaza



Visit participating Rahway restaurants on Saturdays in January from 1-4pm and ask for a sample of their featured Soup Stroll soup! Visit RahwayIsHappening.com/soupstroll

FEBRUARY 2023 EVENTS AT A GLANCE





LOCATION KEY

Adult Art Class **DRAWING PRINCIPLES**

7PM-9:30PM

REC

UCPAC: Union County Performing Arts Center
TSP: Train Station Plaza

RAHWAY CREATES!

Roosevelt Elementary School

REC: Recreation Center, 3 City Hall Plaza



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FOOD VENDORS
A FULL DAY OF
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MARCH 2023 EVENTS AT A GLANCE

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Rahway **Arts and Community**

ArtsFest: Art in All Dimensions

On Saturday, September 24, 2022, Rahway's First annual ArtsFest: Art in All Dimensions event took art to new heights in the City of Rahway (literally) with an array of performance artists including a gravity-defying aerialist, a skilled and graceful contortionist, and Steppaz with Attitude, as well as live music from Sarah Teti, Sweater Pills, Stefano Catugno, Karickter, and a live theatrical performance by The Rahway Actor's Theatre. Visual artists displayed their creativity while restaurants showed off their culinary skills. With over 50 accomplished and amateur artists and local vendors displaying and selling their work, live art classes,





Rahway's annual Craft and Art Fair, organized by The Gallery Space, returned on Saturday, November 5, 2022 with over 60 vendors. The fair offered a wide range of original handmade crafts including quilts, stained glass objects, jewelry, wood crafts, crocheted items, handbags, decorative bottles, and more. Fine art such as drawings, small paintings, photographs, silk screen prints, etchings, linocuts, and small sculptures were also on display and for sale.

All crafts and artworks at the Craft and Art Fair were original and featured many artists that are on display year-round at The Gallery Space. The Gallery Space, home to monthly exhibits, events, workshops and seasonal art programs for both adults and children, is Rahway's own art center and gallery and located under the Department of Recreation and Senior services at 1670 Irving Street. For more information about the Craft and Art Fair, The Gallery

Space, art programming, and exhibits please contact Asst. Administrator of Cultural & Heritage Affairs, Larry Cappiello at lcappiello@cityofrahway.com or visit www.galleryspacerahway.com.



Union County Performing Arts Center

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TSP: Train Station Plaza

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The Rahway Non-Profit Alliance (RNA) was established in 2021 by Rahway Mayor Raymond A. Giacobbe, his administration, and the Rahway City Council as a unique, community building network that aims to connect nonprofits throughout the City of Rahway. The RNA is led by a steering committee comprised of members of the Rahway nonprofit community who provide strategic approaches to address the challenges our residents may face. Since its inception, the RNA's goals have been to learn more about the key issues that affect our community, examine where there are gaps, inefficiencies, or opportunities for collaboration, and to make recommendations to organizations and elected officials.

With its inaugural goals firmly established, the RNA seeks to increase membership in order to coordinate resources for and amongst its members to best serve our community. The RNA is proud to assist in Youth Resources including technical skill training, soft skill training, and programs for children 13 and under, as well as community resources including food assistance, disability services, housing assistance, healthcare assistance, and more.

To join the RNA, learn more about the organization, or view a full list of available resources, visit their website at RahwayNonProfitAlliance.com.