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Rahway is.

Warmer Together

A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Happy New Year Rahway!

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the Winter/Spring 2022 edition of the Rahway Review. In this issue, you will find highlights of happenings in our City over the past few months and a look ahead at much to come. The calendar is full of upcoming events and programs, including the second annual Soup Stroll, Martin Luther King Day event, Senior Valentine's Day event, and more. We are excited to share them all with you.

I often speak of my pride of Rahway and there is much to be

proud of in this issue. Inside you will find information on the four individuals honored as the 2021 Rahway's Own class. You will also find highlights of a new series called Rahway is... At Work. This series is an inside look at how the City works continuously for our residents and businesses. Each week, the series focuses on a department's current initiatives to share a behind-the-scenes look at our local government.

Winter safety is also highlighted in this edition of the Rahway

Review. Rahway's Public Works, Police, and Fire departments worked together to provide helpful snow clearing, driving, and safety tips for our community during the winter months. Please review the snow removal notice and list of emergency snow streets and learn how you can help prepare for heavy snowfalls.

Lastly, I would like to invite the entire Rahway community to attend my State of the City address, which will be held on

Wednesday, March 16 at the Union County Performing Arts Center. I look forward to this annual opportunity to inform our residents of the City's many accomplishments as well as our initiatives for the new year.

I hope that every member of our community enjoyed the holiday season and shares my excitement about the bright future for our great City in the new year!

MAYOR RAYMOND A. GIACOBBE



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Mayor Giacobbe and the Rahway City Council Present

#rahway IS HAPPENING

2022

Stay in the know with upcoming events that are added to the calendar throughout the year.

Please visit the City of Rahway, Rahway Recreation Center, the Rahway Public Library, Rahway Special Improvement District and UCPAC on the web and social media for latest information.

MAYOR RAYMOND A. GIACOBBE
AND THE RAHWAY CITY COUNCIL

extend to you an invitation to attend

RAHWAY • 2022

STATE OF THE CITY



SAVE THE DATE!
Wednesday, March 16
7:00 PM

Union County Performing Arts Center
1601 Irving Street • Rahway, NJ

Presented by the Rahway Social Justice Commission
in collaboration with Mayor Raymond A. Giacobbe
and the Rahway City Council

RAHWAY SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMISSION



Take our survey!

Tell us what's important to you.

Complete our survey to be entered
into our local gift certificate giveaway!

SURVEY DEADLINE JAN. 31

EQUITY

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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
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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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Happening

JAN • FEB • MAR 22



JAN 8
6:00PM - 9:30PM
Kung Fu Classic Films - Doubleheader
UCPAC Main Stage



1:00PM-5:00PM
Soup Stroll
Participating Restaurants

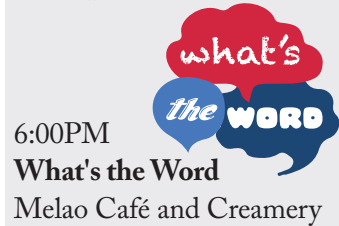
JAN 9
Runs Through Feb 4
1:00PM-4:00PM
Exhibit: Home Grown
The Gallery Space

JAN 15
1:00PM-5:00PM
Soup Stroll
Participating Restaurants



JAN 17
MLK Event
MLK Monument

JAN 22
1:00PM-5:00PM
Soup Stroll
Participating Restaurants



6:00PM
What's the Word
Melao Café and Creamery



8:00PM-10:00PM
Drew Lynch
UCPAC Main Stage

JAN 29
1:00PM-5:00PM
Soup Stroll
Participating Restaurants



FEB 4
8:00PM-10:30PM
Get the Led Out
UCPAC Main Stage

FEB 8
10:00AM / 12:30PM
Senior Valentine's Day Bingo
Senior Center

FEB 11
8:00PM
Champions Of Magic
UCPAC Main Stage



FEB 12
8:00PM-10:00PM
Tito Puente Jr.
UCPAC Main Stage

FEB 13
Runs Through March 11
1:00PM-4:00PM
Exhibit: The Bridge: Celebration of Black History Month
The Gallery Space

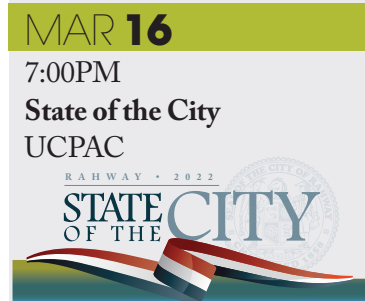


FEB 27
7:30PM
Big Band Of Brothers: A Jazz Celebration Of The Allman Brothers Band
UCPAC Main Stage

MAR 12
8:00PM
Cedric The Entertainer
UCPAC Main Stage



MAR 13
4:00-6:00PM
Artrageous
UCPAC Main Stage



MAR 19
8:00PM-10:00PM
Sinbad
UCPAC Main Stage



MAR 20
Runs Through April 15
1:00PM-4:00PM
Exhibit: Alternative Materials: A New Arte Povera
The Gallery Space
THE GALLERY SPACE RAHWAY

Madden Sports Complex Hours

sponsored by Mayor Raymond Giacobbe and Rahway City Council

FIELD OPEN FOR PUBLIC USE WITHOUT PERMIT:
Weekdays 3pm-7pm, Weekends 10am-4pm
Excluding when reserved by permit and/or weather permitting

SPECIAL HOLIDAY HOURS:
Jan. 17, 10am-4pm
MADDEN SPORTS COMPLEX WILL BE CLOSED JAN. 1

NO FOOD, DRINKS (EXCEPT WATER), SUNFLOWER SEEDS, GUM, FIREWORKS, OPEN FLAMES, GOLFING, METAL SPIKED SHOES, BIKES, OR SMOKING ALLOWED ON THE SYNTHETIC TURF SYSTEM

THE GALLERY SPACE
RAHWAY

JAN 2022
Jan 9 - Feb 4
1:00PM-4:00PM
Exhibit: Home Grown



FEB 2022
Feb 13 - March 11
1:00PM-4:00PM
Exhibit: The Bridge: Celebration of Black History Month

MAR 2022
March 20 - April 15
1:00PM-4:00PM
Exhibit: Alternative Materials: A New Arte Povera

Location:
1670 Irving Street
Rahway, NJ 07065
Phone: (732) 827-2210

Gallery Hours:
Monday - Friday 1:00PM - 4:00PM
Or by appointment for groups
Admission is Free to the Public



Saturdays in January
1/8, 1/15, 1/22, 1/29
FROM 1-5PM

Visit rahwayishappening.com for more information.

On four Saturdays in January (8, 15, 22, & 29) take part in Rahway's Soup Stroll! Between the hours of 1-5pm visit participating restaurants and ask for a sample of their featured Soup Stroll Soup (for free)!

Take a **SOUPER SELFIE** and enter a drawing for one of four \$25 Gift Certificates to your favorite participating Rahway Restaurant!

Here's how to enter:

- 1) Visit participating restaurants, snap a picture with your soup at that restaurant and post it to your Instagram Feed or Story
 - 2) Tag @rahwayishappening and the restaurant (if they have an account)
- Bonus entry - Post a photo with an additional purchase you make at a participating restaurant and tag @rahwayishappening and the restaurant. All photos must be posted by January 29th. Winners will be notified through social media direct messages.

NO REGISTRATION NECESSARY. FREE EVENT!

Please note: While supplies last. Establishments will not be able to accommodate food allergies or restrictions. Not all restaurants are open the entire 1-5pm. Please check individual hours of operation. To assist with restaurant's COVID-19 protocols, we encourage participants to follow social distancing guidelines.

Rahway is. winter safe

Driveway Clearing Tips

The following suggestions are intended to make your driveway snow removal easier and safer:

- If possible, wait until the street is completely plowed curb to curb before shoveling the last 5 to 10 feet of your driveway. This way less snow from the street will end up in your driveway. It takes several hours for DPW personnel to completely clear the snow from the street.
- It is best to place snow on the far side of your driveway, away from the direction the plow is traveling. This way the plow will move snow away from your driveway, rather than back into it.
- DO NOT shovel, blow or plow snow from your driveway into or across the street. Remember, you can be held accountable for your actions as well as your contractor.
- DO NOT allow children to play in the snow along the side of the street. DPW personnel may need to push back snow days after the storm to create room for the next snow event. Keep your children safe.

Winter Driving Tips

- Clean your vehicle of all snow and ice, including the roof, required by law in the state of New Jersey
- Allow extra time to reach your destination
- During snow storms, travel only when absolutely necessary
- Keep a safe distance from plow trucks and snow response equipment.
- Don't pass a snow plow vehicle
- Don't assume the snow plow operator can see you. Every truck has blind spots which reduce side and rear visibility
- Allow plenty of stopping distance, don't follow too closely
- Keep your headlights on
- Slow down

Checklist of Items to have in Your Vehicle

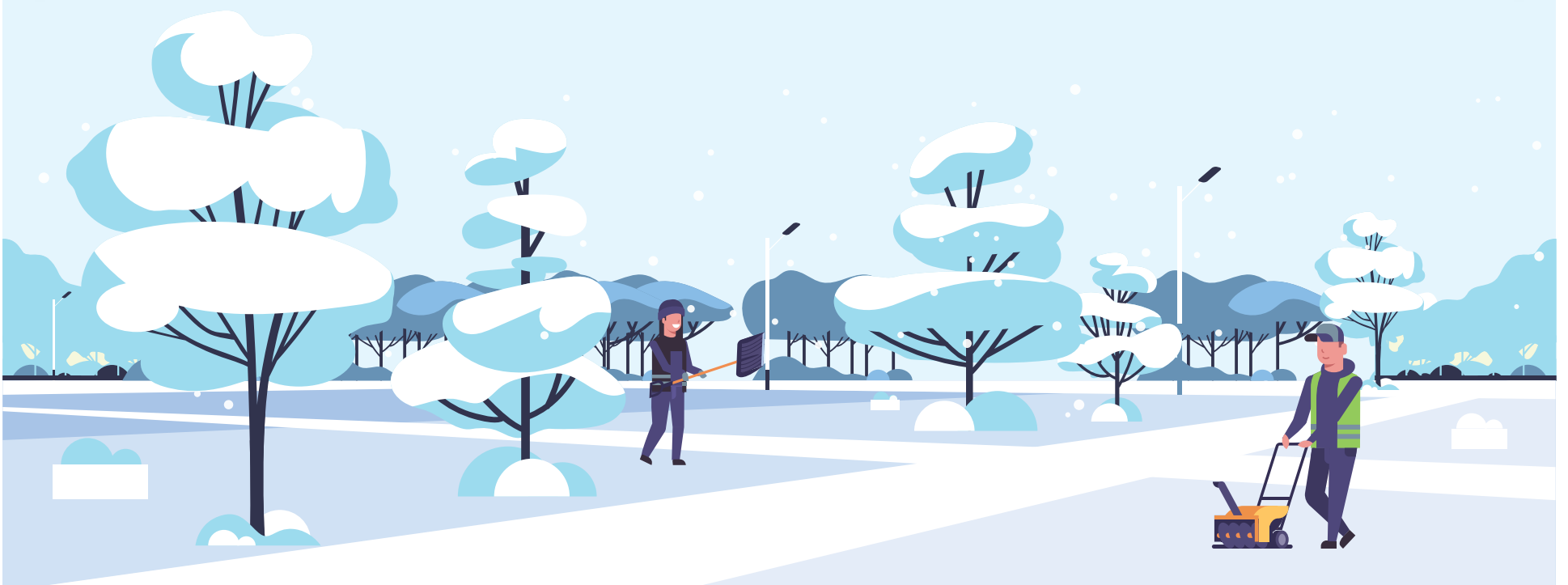
- All-season tires on your car
- Shovel & a sack of sand for generating traction under wheels.
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- First aid kit and pocket knife
- Necessary medications
- Several blankets
- Sleeping bags
- Plastic bags
- Matches
- Extra gloves, mittens
- Basic tools, screwdriver, adjustable wrench, etc.
- Booster / jumper cables
- Bottled water
- Snacks

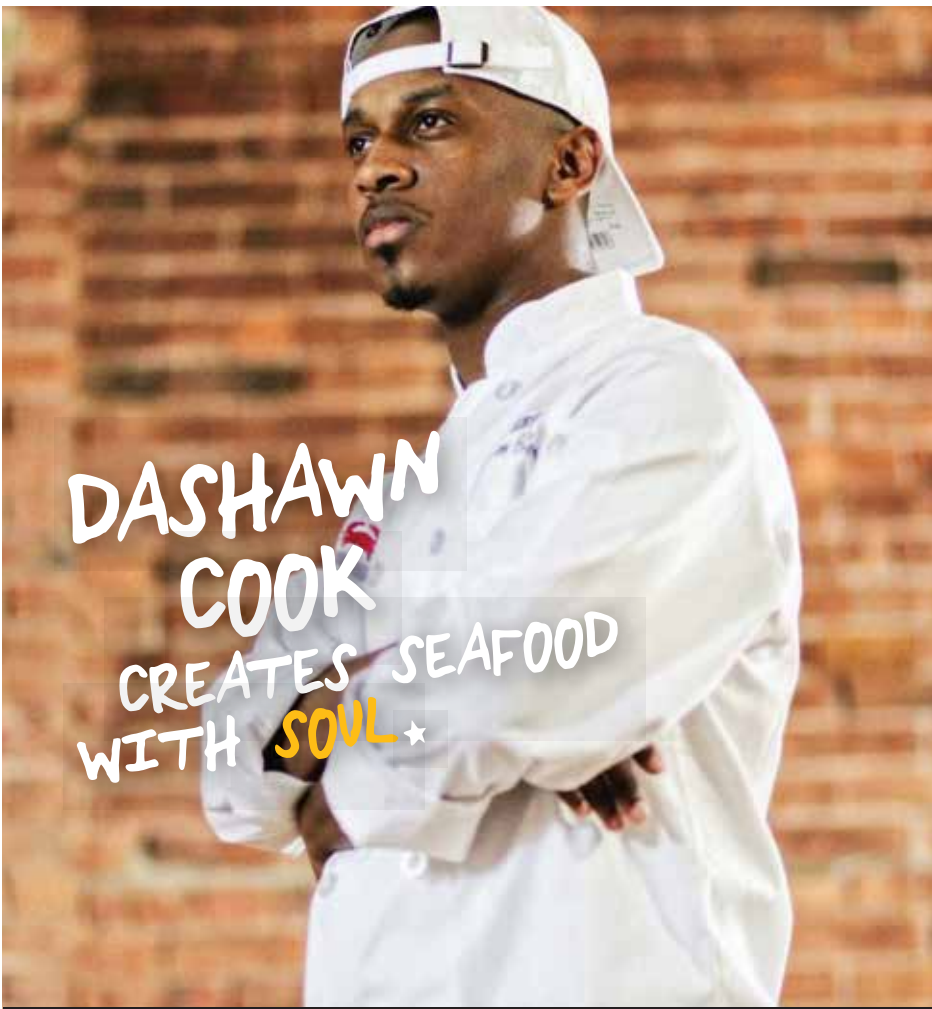
Snow Removal Notice

During winter weather, vehicles must be moved from Snow Emergency Streets when snow accumulates to 5 inches. Cars that are not moved will receive a ticket and have the potential to be towed.

The City of Rahway will release a notification to move vehicles prior to storms that call for accumulation of 5 inches or more via Nixle and the City of Rahway social media and website. To register for Nixle, please visit www.rahwaypolice.com.

The City of Rahway encourages all residents to utilize their driveway parking, if possible, during impending snowy weather. This will aid in the efforts of the Department of Public Work's snow removal process. To identify if your street is a Snow Emergency Street, please visit cityofrahway.com/snow or look for visible signage located on your street.





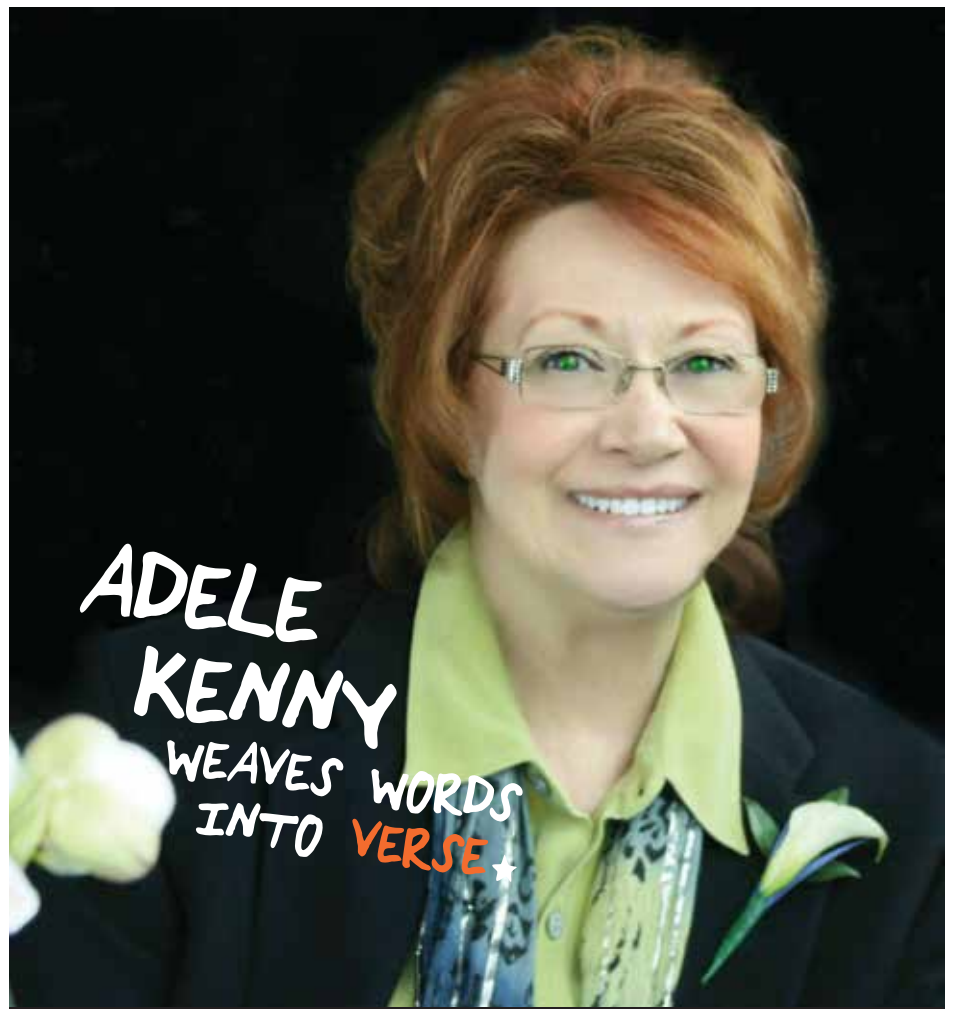
**DASHAWN
COOK
CREATES SEAFOOD
WITH SOUL***

As a life-long New Jersey resident, Dashawn Cook originally worked for a jewelry company. He eventually entered the construction industry and worked multiple jobs for years until inspiration hit and his entrepreneurial journey began. Cook always enjoyed cooking and posting his meals on Instagram to his thousands of followers, but in 2017, his passion turned into a business plan which planted the seed for what would soon become a flourishing career. Having invited thousands of people into his home to enjoy his food, Dashawn had created such a loud social media presence and demand for his meals that he decided to open his flagship restaurant, Cook's Kitchn. Dashawn showed his community and loved ones that if you set your mind to a goal and fuel your passion, anything is possible. Dashawn has recently relocated his flagship restaurant to a newer, larger location in his beloved hometown, rebranded as Captain Cook's Seafood Boil, and opened a second location. His journey is far from over as he aspires to open his restaurants across the country and share his seafood from the soul with the world.

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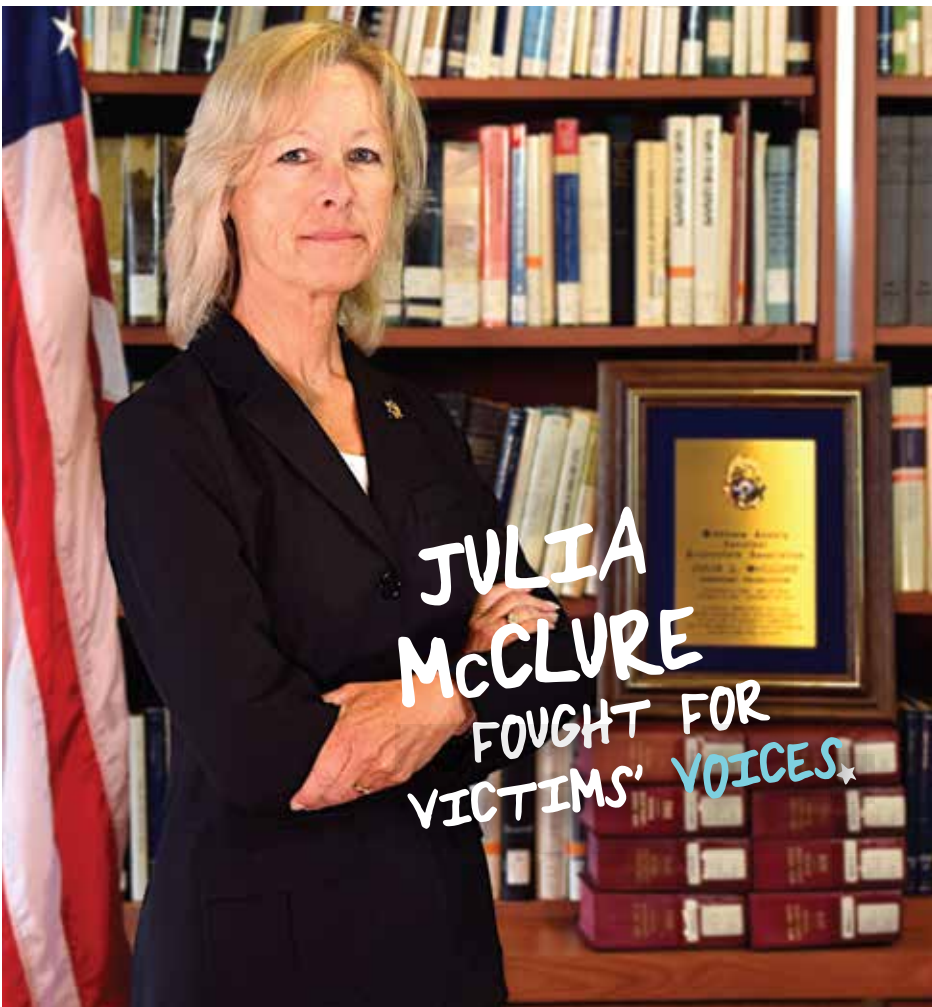
**ADELE
KENNY
WEAVES WORDS
INTO VERSE***

The daughter of a Rahway police officer, Adele Kenny grew up on East Scott Avenue. She attended and taught in the Rahway Public Schools, is a former creative writing professor and a former report writing instructor at the John H. Stampler Police Academy. The author of 25 books (poetry & nonfiction), she has been published worldwide, as well as in books and anthologies from Crown, Tuttle, Shambhala, and McGraw-Hill. Among other awards, she received two fellowships from the NJ State Council on the Arts, a Union County Freeholders HEART Grant, and Kean University's Distinguished Alumni Award. She is the recipient of a Woman of Excellence Award from the Union County Commission and the Status of Women for her work in the arts and humanities as well as first prize winner of the 2021 Allen Ginsberg Poetry Awards. Adele is the Founding Director of the Carriage House Poetry Series and Poetry Editor of Tiferet Journal. Active in readings and in private and agency-sponsored workshops, she has twice been a featured poet at the Geraldine R. Dodge Poetry Festival.

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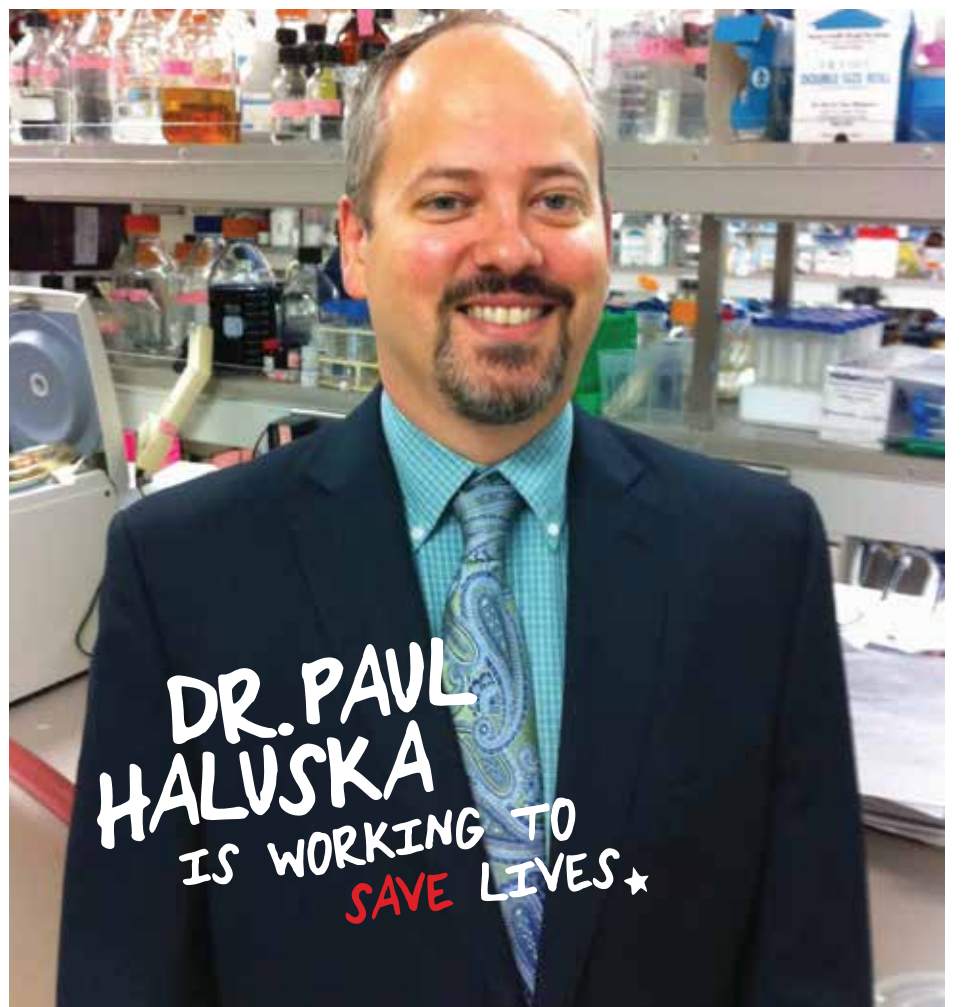
**JULIA
MCCLURE
FOUGHT FOR
VICTIMS' VOICES***

Julia L. McClure, a second-generation Rahway Native, began her journey through the Rahway school system in 1960. After graduating from Rahway High School in 1973, Julia earned a scholarship to Smith College in Massachusetts and went on to attend New York Law School. Upon graduation in 1980, Julia was hired by the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office as an Assistant Prosecutor. She served as a Trial Team Leader, Section Chief of the Sex Crimes Unit, Deputy First Assistant Prosecutor and then was appointed as First Assistant to the County Prosecutor for the final seven years of her career, the first woman ever appointed to that position. During her 33 years in the Prosecutor's Office, Julia tried close to 100 jury trials, most involving sexual assault offenses or homicide. She participated in training and supporting many victims' rights organizations during her career. While serving as First Assistant, she supervised the investigation of the Rutgers webcam spying case, eventually presenting the case to a grand jury, which returned a 15-count indictment. Some of those criminal charges included bias intimidation (based on the sexual orientation of the victims), invasion of privacy, obstruction of justice, and witness and evidence tampering. The case received widespread news coverage during the investigation and eventual trial because of the many unique legal issues. Julia tried the criminal case, which was broadcast in its entirety on national television, and the jury returned a guilty verdict on all 15 counts. In 2012, Julia received a Lifetime Achievement Award from NJ Women in Law Enforcement and, in 2014, she received the Outstanding Advocacy over a Career Award from the County Prosecutors Association of New Jersey.

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**DR. PAUL
HALUSKA
IS WORKING TO
SAVE LIVES***

Dr. Haluska is a medical oncologist with a doctorate in Molecular Pharmacology. He obtained his B.S. in Biochemistry from Indiana University, after which he went on to complete an M.D., Ph.D., combined program at Robert Wood Johnson Medical School/Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey. Following completion of medical school, Dr. Haluska went on to a residency in internal medicine and a fellowship in medical oncology at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. Currently, Dr. Haluska serves as the V.P., Head of Clinical Search and Collaborations, recently moving from his prior role as V.P. of Medical Data Generation at BMS. Prior to joining BMS in June of 2019, he was the Global Director of Scientific Affairs at Merck from 2015-2019. Prior to that, Dr. Haluska was the Director of the Phase I Program at the Mayo Clinic and was the Principal Investigator of the UMI Early Phase Trial Grant from the NCI for Mayo. He has served on the NCI Investigational Drug Steering Committee, the Alliance cooperative group Experimental Therapeutics Committee and served as faculty for the ESMO/ACR/EORTC Clinical Research Workshop in Fribourg, Switzerland and Zeist, Netherlands. He also led an Ros-funded laboratory that developed the largest known collection of ovarian patient-derived xenografts, where over 350 individual patient tumors are immortalized for novel drug development in immunocompromised mice. In addition to his own independently-funded, this work has led to multiple collaborative funding mechanisms including the Mayo Clinic Ovarian SPORC, a Program Project Development Grant and a Stand Up to Cancer Dream Team Award. He has served as reviewer and chair on multiple grant review panels, most recently (2019) as the Chair of the Mouse Models and Translation Research (MMTR) Study Section for NIH. Dr. Haluska has also had extensive experience in clinical and preclinical investigations in targeting insulin-like growth factor signaling. Dr. Haluska's clinical expertise in ovarian cancer has also earned him leadership roles, such as membership on the GOG Developmental Therapeutics Committee and ASCO Gynecological Cancer Track Scientific Program Committee.

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Introducing the Rahway's Own Class of 2021

The Rahway's Own program celebrates the community's collective past, present, and future. Every year, nominations are submitted, and the annual Rahway's Own winners are chosen based on achieved excellence in their field and representation of Rahway as a place for innovation, creativity, and community.

The Rahway's Own celebration was held at the Union County Performing Arts Center on Sunday,

December 19 at 2pm, prior to a special holiday showing of *The Polar Express*.

Conceived in 2012, the Rahway's Own committee focused on former Rahway High School students who developed both their artistic and athletic talents. The more the committee investigated potential candidates for the program, it discovered that Rahway's history included individuals influential and successful in many areas. Some of the past Rahway's

Own honorees include Milton Friedman, Carl Sagan, Antonio Garay, and Daphe Lee, who are Rahway natives. Others include Nikola Tesla, who called Rahway home as he achieved widespread recognition for his talents. The City of Rahway has shaped each Rahway's Own honoree in its own way and the class of 2021 is no different.

Four honorees were chosen this year:

Dashawn Cook
A young entrepreneur

and restaurateur with one location in Rahway (Captain Cook's Seafood Boil) and a second location in Menlo Park Mall (Cook's Kitch'n Express).

Paul Haluska
A medical oncologist with a doctorate in Molecular Pharmacology and Vice President, Head of Clinical Search and Collaborations at Bristol-Myers Squibb.

Adele Kenny
Acclaimed author and the recipient of various honors and

awards, including first place in the 2021 Allen Ginsberg Poetry Awards, poetry fellowships from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, and many more.

Julia McClure
Middlesex County prosecutor (now retired) who is well-known for successfully prosecuting NJ's 1st bullying case in the State of New Jersey vs Dharun Ravi trial. This case tackled bullying and homosexual discrimination and Julie was victorious

defending the rights of many without a voice.

Mayor Raymond Giacobbe is proud to take part in the Rahway's Own celebration each year. "Our City is full of talent and every year we have the chance to showcase individuals whose hard work, determination, and talents has earned a nomination to the program. I look forward to continuing to be a part of the annual ceremony."



Rahway Is ... At Work is a mini photo and content series that allows Rahway residents to have an inside look as to how the City works for them. A new department will be highlighted weekly to depict a behind-the-scenes look into local government.

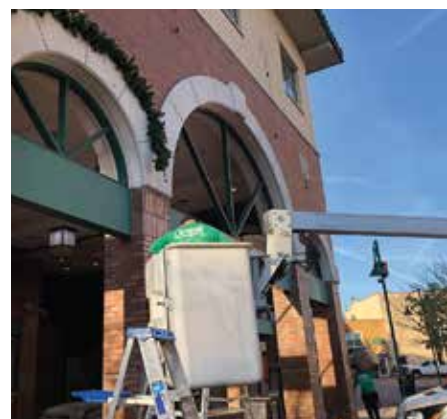
This mini-series, orchestrated by Mayor Giacobbe and the Rahway City Council, is an instrument in the administration's objective of transparency. "One of my main initiatives of my term as your Mayor is ensuring that there is sufficient communication between our City and

residents regarding concerns of the community," Giacobbe stated. "This is a creative way to allow our residents to see exactly what we do when we are working to make our City the best possible place to live and visit."

Since the campaign's start, the Department of Engineering has been highlighted to showcase the progress that has been done resurfacing some of the city's most damaged roadways. There were also pieces that focused on the Special Improvement District and their work behind festively lighting the City for

the holiday season and the Recreation Department's work in organizing and executing a wildly successful Annual Tree Lighting. Rahway's Police and Fire Department were also highlighted to showcase their various trainings to continue to serve the City's residents and ensure the safety of all, themselves included.

Each weekly piece is updated on Mondays on the City of Rahway website at cityofrahway.com/rahway-is-at-work/ and announced on social media on Wednesdays.



Highlighted above is the Department of Engineering, shown resurfacing some of Rahway's most damaged roadways. The Rahway Special Improvement District worked to ensure our downtown was fun, festive, and inviting during the holidays. The Department of Recreation and Senior Services and their work on the Annual Tree Lighting and Winter Wonderland Series. Police Jiu-Jitsu training is currently underway. Rahway Fire Department sharpens their rope rescue skills.