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### **Mayor Raymond A. Giacobbe and Rahway City Council to Host "Signs of Pride: From Protest to Progress" Poster-Making Event Honoring the Stonewall Riots**

**RAHWAY, NJ (June 14, 2024)** – In honor of the Stonewall Riots and to celebrate the ongoing fight for LGBTQIA+ rights, Mayor Giacobbe and Rahway City Council are proud to host "Signs of Pride: From Protest to Progress," a poster-making event on Friday, June 28th from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Cherry Street open space park.

"Signs of Pride: From Protest to Progress" aims to bring the community together to create powerful, artistic posters that reflect the spirit of protest and celebrate the progress made since the Stonewall Riots. Attendees of all ages and skill levels are invited to participate in this event. Poster-making materials will be provided.

"Our city honors the bravery and resilience of those who stood up for their rights during the Stonewall Riots," **said Fifth Ward Councilwoman Danni Newbury.** "'Signs of Pride: From Protest to Progress' is not just an event, but a powerful reminder of the journey we've undertaken and the strides we still need to make. This event empowers our community to express their pride and commitment to equality through art, fostering unity and continued advocacy for LGBTQIA+ rights."

The Stonewall Riots, which occurred in June 1969 in New York City, were a series of protests and demonstrations by members of the LGBTQIA+ community in response to a police raid at the Stonewall Inn, a popular gay bar. These riots are widely considered to be the turning point for what was then called the gay civil rights movement and have served as a catalyst for the modern LGBTQIA+ rights movement. The first Pride parade was held on June 28, 1970, marking the first anniversary of the Stonewall Riots.

"We invite everyone to join us in honoring the past and continuing to fight for an equitable future," **said Mayor Raymond A. Giacobbe.** "By participating, we not only pay tribute to this pivotal moment in history but also work to shape a future where everyone can live authentically and without fear."

The event will feature a display detailing the history and significance of the Stonewall Riots to inspire participants as they create their posters. The event will include DJ entertainment, refreshments, giveaways, and more.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.cityofrahway.com/506/Pride>

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