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#### RACE AROUND RAHWAY OFFERS FAST FUN

Subbmitted by Colin Gittens

The Second Annual Race Around Rahway, an event similar to scavenger hunts and television's "Amazing Race" program, will take place on Saturday, May 5, beginning at 11 am. But in order to have a race, there have to be competitors, and this is where you come in. The race is sponsored by the Friends of the Rahway Public Library and is held as part of Rahway Day celebration.

To participate, you will need to assemble a team of 2-4 individuals who enjoy puzzle solving and don't mind some vigorous physical activity. On the day of the race, teams are given a series of clues that require traveling about downtown Rahway, deciphering riddles, collecting objects and information, and perhaps taking photographs with a digital camera to prove you visited each spot. Then, teams must return to the starting point before any of the others. Competing teams can display their unity and spirit by dressing alike or in outrageous fashion, and they will likely be tearing about the city in this race against time.

The race begins and ends at the Library and takes approximately 2 hours to complete, and last year, nearly 20



(above) 2011 race participants receive final instructions.

teams competed. Families, coworkers, and students put together teams, and the result was camaraderie, competition, and a whole lot of fun. The cost for a 4-member team is \$24; 3 members, \$18, and a 2-member team is \$12.

Preregistration is encouraged, and registration forms are available by e-mailing RaceAroundRahway@gmail.com or calling 848-628-4450, or can be picked up at the Library's reference desk. Additional race information will be provided on the race's Facebook page (Rahway Race).

#### **RAHWAY DAY CELEBRATION ON MAY 5TH**

Written by: Carmen McLendon and Jasmine Leake

Tables are filling up fast for the Rahway Chamber of Commerce sponsored "Rahway Day." The 1st Annual Community Celebration and Event will be held on Saturday, May 5th, 2012, from 10am - 2pm. It is an all-inclusive home town experience where the new and longtime residents can enjoy all that Rahway has to offer in one place. Rahway Day will be hosted by and held at the Rahway Public Library facility, utilizing the interior and exterior of the modern facility, rain or shine.

From local performers to nationally recognized presenters, the talented participant list is growing. (Just a few examples: the Jerseyaires will be singing and long time

Rahway resident, J. Simone, will be performing Spoken Word.) If you would like to secure a coveted spot for Rahway Day, please contact us at RahwayDay@RahwayChamberofCommerce.com. We are currently accepting additional presenters or sponsors in the following categories for our "Hot Topic" panel: Health, Beauty and/or fitness, Zumba, Living Green, Debt Reduction, Decluttering, Healthy Cooking, Home Improvement, Couponing and Pet Care.

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#### Message from the President



#### ON THE Q.T. . . . MY DAILY "APPOINTMENT WITH BOB"

Today our society and most others in our world are faced with "electronic toy" addiction. If we don't have an electrical receptacle or internet connectivity close-by, we're feeling lost and anxious. I think we need to try to break this addiction and here are my two cents:

A moment ago I added into today's appointment book "Q.T." from 5:45pm till 6:15pm. For about the last 15 years I've tried to set aside some "Q.T. or Quiet Time" each day. Most days now I manage to do it: some I don't. My "Appointments with Bob" give me a boost and a re-charge but most importantly I'm able to re-connect again with my inner life. Q.T. for me is my time of contemplation and prayer.

Sometimes during Q.T. I'll read a bit of something that's uplifting and then maybe just close my eyes and take a short nap. Other times I may listen to a piece of music that quietly moves me. Another time I'll hide out alone in my garden for half and hour. Then back to the grind....sometimes inspired and generally facing life with a bit more grace.

Being quiet and alone, if only for 30 minutes, is strange to many people. If it feels uncomfortable it's only because we're not used to it. Getting closer to yourself at first can be a little scary. I know as that was once the case for me.

We can strengthen our bodies and improve our minds but as our YMCA's have long taught, we need also to develop our spiritual side. So make an appointment with yourself each day for 30 minutes; turn that electronic device off; find a spot to be alone whether in quiet space at home or better still, a peaceful spot outside, and gently go inward. Now you're getting disconnected from the "fluff stuff" and getting re-connected to the "real stuff". You may be amazed at what happens.

So give Q.T. a try yourself but be careful.... it can be addicting.

#### Bob Markey

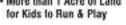
Bob Markey, can be reached by calling 732-388-1765, by email at Bob@SaligaMarkey.com, or by mail at PO Box #277, Rahway, NJ 07065

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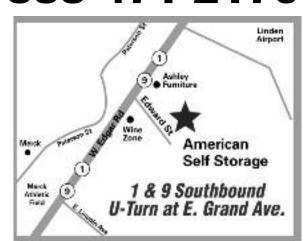
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## "OPERATION TAKE BACK NEW JERSEY" SATURDAY APRIL 28TH 10AM TO 2PM

Rahway residents who want to rid their homes of potentially dangerous prescription drugs in a safe and non-hazardous manner will be able to do so on Saturday, April 28th, 2012. From 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M., The Rahway Police Department will be hosting "Operation Take Back New Jersey" at the Rahway Police Headquarters, located at 1 City Hall Plaza Rahway.

Prescription drug abuse is rapidly becoming one of our nation's greatest emerging drug problems and it is widely recognized that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from home medicine cabinets.

According to the 20011 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration's National Survey on Drug Use and Health, more than seven million Americans currently abuse prescription drugs. Additionally, the survey reported for the 3rd year in a row that prescription drugs are the 2nd most abused drug category behind only marijuana.

The goal of "Operation Take Back New Jersey" is to allow the citizens of New Jersey to deliver all of their unused, unwanted, or expired medications to law enforcement officials who can in turn dispose of these controlled substances in a safe and non-hazardous manner, preventing these pills from falling into the hands of juveniles or into the illicit market in our communities.

In addition to this growing drug problem, unused and expired prescription medications also represent a severe environmental hazard. Most individuals are not aware of methods to properly dispose of their unused medicine, often flushing them down the toilet or throwing them away; both potential safety and health hazards.

In 2011, Operation Take Back New Jersey was a tremendous success collecting over 14,400 pounds of potentially dangerous medications.

Nationwide the program collected 245,500 pounds of unwanted, unused or expired medication.

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#### **REAL ESTATE SNAPSHOT**

- There are currently 171 active single family residential listings for Rahway between \$69,900 and \$629,900.
- There are 36 total multi-family residential listings ranging from \$148,000 to \$850,000.
- 131 of these are Standard Listings (Not Short Sale or Distressed Properties)
- 55 of these residential listings are Short Sales,
   9 are Estates and 12 of the active listings are
   REO/ Bank owned.
- In addition, there are currently 16 active commercial/business listings in Rahway from \$38,500 to \$1,395,000. 4 of these are REO/Bank Owned.

Submitted by Carmen Tyler McLendon, Striker Realty and Jasmine Leake, Grey Eyes Publications.





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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION – PLEASE CONTACT – LEE THOR – 1-848-459-3497 OR ROSANN DELSO – 732-283-1287 OR 732-423-6975 Roosevelt Elementary School Presents.....

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The Super Bowl Champion NY Giants will play a benefit basketball game against the Rahway School District Allstars to benefit the Roosevelt School Playground Fund.

There will be a free throw contest before the game, prizes and raffles, along with free autographs at half time and a Super Bowl store with sports tickets available and a silent auction.

Catch all the action with two time Super Bowl Champion Perry Willams and Lee Rouson along with Stephen Baker "The Touchdown Maker". The Giants Team will include players from the Super Bowl Champion NY Giants Team, as well as former NY Giants.

Tickets are \$10.00 each.

For tickets call Roosevelt Elementary School (732) 396-1060, tickets can also be purchased at any of the Rahway schools.

Any questions and/or concerns please email

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#### **SENIOR CITIZENS ACTIVITIES**

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On May 3, 2012, the Rahway Senior Center will be running a trip to see The Rat Pack Revue at the Surflight Theatre in Long Beach Island, NJ. You won't believe your eyes and ears as Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and Sammy Davis, Jr., come to life in this nostalgic revue. Back in the day, people from around the world would converge on Las Vegas to see them, and now the Rat Pack Revue serves up their great music and good looks once again. Mix in their funny banter and great chemistry and stir in the Dry Martini Orchestra and you have the total entertainment package!

We will leave from the Senior Center at 9:30 a.m. and be back at approximately 5:00 PM. Before the show we will go to the Bayberry Inn at Ship Bottom for lunch that includes salad, entree, coffee or tea and dessert. The cost is \$75.

#### **COMPUTER CLASS**

A new class "Fun on the Internet" will be offered in collaboration with the Rahway Public Library starting May 2nd and will run for five

This class is for those who are familiar with the Internet. Each week we will explore interesting Internet applications and websites.

#### **EXPLORE NEW JERSEY**

On June 20th we will be running a trip to Drumthwacket in Princeton for a 45-minute guided tour. The tour will include the six public rooms that Governor Christie uses for meetings and reception. The rooms include the center hall, dining room, parlor, music room, library and Governor's study. The bus will be leaving from the Senior Center at 10 a.m. and return at approximately 3 p.m. The cost is \$10 and there will be no refunds after June 1st. This trip is subject to cancellation should the Governor require the use of the residence.



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The American Legion Auxiliary Unit # 5 is seeking support for our upcoming Support the Troops Tricky Tray Auction and Spaghetti Dinner to benefit our Veterans programs. The Tricky Tray Auction and dinner will take place on Sunday, April 29, 2012 at the Rahway American Legion Post #5, located at 581 Maple Ave., Rahway.

To donate goods/services contact Lee Thor, at thor1065@hotmail.com or 848-459-3497 or Rosann Delso at 732-423-6975 or rosanndelso@aol.com.

Your greatly appreciated donation will be acknowledged in our Support the Troops Auction and Dinner pamphlet at the event. All donations are tax deductible.

American Legion Unit #5 provides recreational activities at Menlo Park, Lyons and East Orange veteran's facilities. We also provide food baskets to needy families at Thanksgiving and Christmas, sponsor eight Veterans at Menlo Park and "adopt" two (or more) families of Veterans at Christmas. We also participate in the Adopt-A-Platoon Program by sending boxes of "goodies" to our deployed service personnel. 100% of the monies raised go to benefit these programs.

We would like this event to bring people together to thank all Veterans, those serving or who have served, active or retired, and to raise our glasses to those who gave the ultimate sacrifice. May they never be forgotten.

#### **SOMETHING TO SMILE ABOUT**

In honor of National Dental Month, second grade students at Franklin School in Rahway entered a poster contest entitled, "Things that Make Me Smile". Students drew pictures about things that make them smile. The winners received a certificate and a T-shirt.



(above, l-r) Ariann Munoz, Nhi Nguyen and Jamie Thearle.



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#### RAHWAY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS OF THE MONTH - MARCH 2012

The following students have been named as Students of the Month for March at Rahway High School: Grade 9 – Anthony Ugoaru and Chassidy Medina, Grade 10 – Thomas Burnejko and Sherley Rios, Grade 11 – Michael Pender and Nicole Davis, and Grade 12 – Jake Brusca and Cristina DaSilva. Students are nominated by their teachers and the final selection is made by Guidance Counselor.



(above, l-r) Chassidy Medina, Cristina DaSilva, Nicole Davis, Sherley Rios, Anthony Ugoaru and Jake Brusca.

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#### JUBILEE MOBILE INSTITUTE AND THE RAHWAY PUBLIC LIBRARY TO UNCOVER YOUNG PEOPLE HIDDEN POTENTIAL

Jubilee Mobile Institute (JMI) will be facilitating a workshop for young people on Attitudes and Action, Saturday, April 21st at 2 pm in the Teen's Circle at the Rahway Public Library, 2 City Hall Plaza. The workshop is free and open to all young people from ages 12 and up.

This workshop is part of the "miYear" Youth Leadership Program and is open to any young person who has an interest in participating in the affairs of the community. If you are the next future leader, then this workshop is for you.

For more information please call 732-823-2854. Please bring a friend.



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(above, l-r) Rich Taylor, Ray Walker, Clint Crane, and Pete LeCompte of the group Jerseyaires harmonized.



(above, l-r) Lead actors Nathaniel Figueroa and Shanice Williams from Rahway High School musical 42nd St performed.

#### RAHWAY JERSEYAIRES PRESENT THEIR 54TH ANNUAL HARMONY FEST

The Rahway Jerseyaires, the all-male barbershop harmony chorus headquartered in Rahway, New Jersey, will present their 54th annual show, called "Music Makes Our World Go 'Round", on Sunday, April 22, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. at the beautiful Union County Performing Arts Center on Irving Street in downtown Rahway. The Jerseyaires have been a part of the community since 1954 and are one of over 750 chapters of the International Barbershop Harmony Society, the largest male singing organization in the world. They perform songs from all genres of music including Broadway, Contemporary, Patriotic, DooWop traditional barbershop songs from the turn of the 20th century.

The show will feature the harmony of the acclaimed Jerseyaires, along with their chapter quartets. In addition, guest artists will include contacting the Union County Performing Arts

"JUST 4", a comedy quartet of ladies from the Center box office at (732)499-8226. Tickets are Sweet Adelines International organization, and a championship contemporary a cappella group Rutgers University called ORPHANSPORKS". JUST 4 are former Region 15 (Sweet Adelines) medalists and will bring smiles to every person at the UCPAC on the 22nd. THE ORPHANSPORKS have been perennial competitors in the ICCA (International Competition of College Acapella), having placed 2nd in the Eastern Regional Competition in 2011. They have just completed their debut CD that will be released at the Rahway Jerseyaires Show. These two guest artists will round out an incredible afternoon of vocal music at the UCPAC.

Tickets can be purchased on the Jerseyaires web site at www.jerseyaires.org, or by \$20.00 and \$30.00 (the \$30.00 tickets include a reception prior to the show with the performers). Groups of 10 or more can call 973-592-7351 to receive a discount on their tickets.

April is National Harmony month celebrating the founding of the barbershop harmony society on April 11, 1938 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. The Jersevaires are looking for men from the community above the age of 16 to join the Jerseyaires. No formal musical training is required, but any prospective members will be taken through a voice analysis.

For information about attending a rehearsal of the Jerseyaires, please call Musical Director Rich Taylor at 973-592-7351. Rich Taylor would be happy to talk to any group about having the Jerseyaires entertain their group or to perform at community events.



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#### **NOTABLE FIGURES TO COME OUT OF RAHWAY**

4rth in a series of articles related to Rahway History by city historian and Rahway Library research consultant, Al Shipley.

Over the years, I've made many presentations to groups interested in Rahway History and topics related to Rahway. I always conclude my talks by asking for questions from the group. One question I'm often asked is, "Who do you feel are the important or famous people who came out of this city?" The following is the list I usually give. Although one might be familiar with only two or three of the names, I think the accomplishments of these Rahwayites put them in a category of Rahway's finest.

Carl Sagan - World-famous scientist and author. A graduate of Rahway High School (Class of 1951) he is best known for his record breaking television series "Cosmos", based on

his "best–seller" book of the same name. Sagan was involved in several of our country's space missions and was one of the early pioneers to study the "greenhouse effect."

**Abraham Clark** – signer of the Declaration of Independence and only member of congress to serve during the entire period of the Revolutionary War. Clark was reelected to congress three times and was chosen to represent New Jersey at the Philadelphia Convention in 1787. This famous statesman and patriot conducted business in Rahway, was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in the city, and is buried in the Rahway Cemetery. In 1848, fifty-four years after his death, the citizens

of Rahway erected a twenty-two feet high obelisk in his memory which is located a short distance from his grave.

Milton Friedman – winner of the Nobel Prize in Economics in 1976, he became an important author whose theories are recognized throughout the world. On many occasions his advice was sought by American Presidents and their administrations. Friedman was the valedictorian of his class at Rahway High School in 1928.

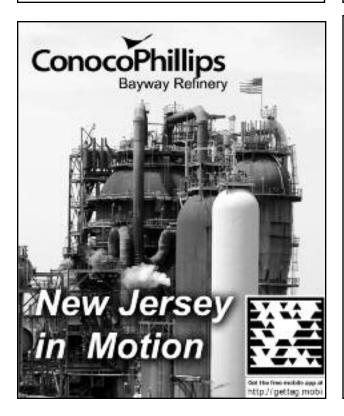
Boland Brothers – the three Boland Brothers, Frank, Joe and James, gained national attention in the early 1900's by building and flying the first airplane over New Jersey on December 6,

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Across from Sansone Auto Mall.





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**Carolyn Wells** – author of 170 books, she was regarded as America's most famous woman mystery writer in the 1920's and 30's. Wells began her career in 1896 as a writer of children's stories and jingles and by 1910 her focus shifted to the mystery genre. Besides creating mystery novels, Wells was considered an authority on the craft of writing the mystery story.

Future issues of Our Town will feature each of these notable citizens in full articles.

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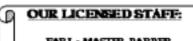
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student T-Kea Blackman looks to continue a career in broadcast journalism, inspired by her time at Rahway High School's "Kudos Broadcast Program" which was followed

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To recognize student achievement, the Rahway Board of Education has established these honor rolls. Pupils earning a marking period average between 94-100 with no grade below 87 attain High Honor Roll, while pupils earning a marking period average between 87-93 with no grade below 80 are placed on the Honor Roll.



(above) Jeanette Rubio, presents flowers to her daughter, Vanessa, 9th gr. Honor Roll student.



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(above) Mrs. Maher tending to Daniel Loza and Adriana Rivera.

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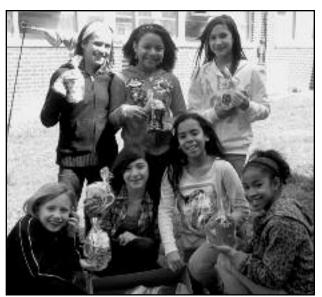
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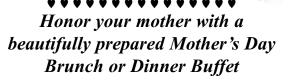


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Rahway's Director, Alison Dooley was excited by this production, saying, "I am very blessed to have the opportunity to share my passion for Song & Dance with the students of Rahway and truly thankful to those that support my efforts and theatrical endeavors." One of her all-time favorite quotes comes from Julian Marsh, a character in this show, who says, "I'm talking about musical comedy, the two most glorious words in the English language!" Dooley says that she could not agree with him more!



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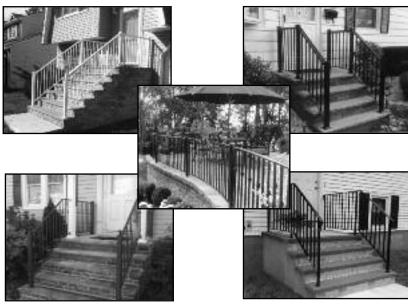
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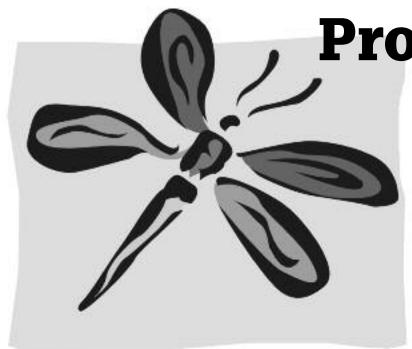
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The land on the Woodbridge side of the Rahway River was known as Bridgetown or Lower Rahway. Rahway also included Milton and Leesville within the corporate limits of the city. The Indian name Rahwack was applied to the river and the land along side.

During the Revolution, Rahway was spoken of as [Spanktown]. There is an old wives tale as to the names origin. It is said; a matron was enraged by her aggravating husband and took issue with him that ended up in a test of endurance. As the story goes, "The Old Gray Mare proved the better horse; she subdued him and with her slipper administered the corporal punishment supposed to be reserved only for disobedient children."



## CHANGES TO THE MAP OF RAHWAY

Lower Rahway was a part of Middlesex County and Upper Rahway of Essex County which made it difficult for the residents where were governed by two cities. When the Woodbridge Township met on January 1701, it granted the privilege of building a pound for the lodgment of animals unlawfully running at large to a resident in the Woodbridge part of Rahway. Rahway is incorporated as a city on March 12, 1858 but it wasn't until an act of the legislature on February 16, 1860, that the part of Woodbridge included in Rahway was taken from Middlesex County and attached to Rahway. Rahway underwent two more changes before it became the Rahway it is today. First, Upper Rahway became part of a new Township of Linden. Then, in 1864, the farmers of Rahway's fifth Ward formed Clark Township.

B. Bernzott is the Founding President of Linden Historical Society Inc and Chairman of the Elizabethtown Consortium. She can be reached at (908)523-0003

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Deadline for submissions is Friday April 27th, 2012. The exhibition will be shown at RSI Bank, 1500 Irving St., Rahway, NJ from May 20th thru June 24th, 2012.

For full contest details or to enter please visit www.rsibanking.com and click on the renaissance, rebirth, revival banner.

## NORTHFIELD BANK FOUNDATION SUPPORTS HELPING HANDS FUND

Northfield Bank Foundation has generously donated \$8,000 to RWJ Rahway Foundation's Helping Hands Fund.

According to Marlene Lubinger, "Our Helping Hands Fund was established to assist uninsured and underinsured patients who cannot afford to pay for basic medical needs." This fund provides vital prescriptions, walkers, wheelchairs, tests and treatments, physician office visits, and transportation home or transportation to doctor appointments once they leave the hospital.

These patients may be clinic, outpatient or inpatients. Although some may qualify for charity care, charity care does not cover these needs nor include coverage for these necessary items or services after the patient leaves the hospital. Often, a patient's length of stay is longer because they cannot afford the necessary prescriptions or medical equipment to make the transition from hospital to home and continue their recovery.

Through the years, this fund has truly made a

difference and has helped many people. In the past year, a 60-year-old woman was hospitalized and was totally paralyzed. The hospital successfully partnered with a local acute rehab facility to continue her care, and the transport costs were covered by the Fund.

In another case, the hospital was able to locate a dialysis slot for a single, unemployed male who required dialysis 3 times per week. The Helping Hands Fund covered his medications for 30 days until he would quality for SSI or other programs.

Ms. Lubinger added, "The support for these needy patients is of tremendous benefit to them and helps to overcome insurmountable obstacles for their recovery."

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The Rahway Garden Club has formed under the umbrella of the NJ Garden Club and is open to any area person who has a gardening interest. If you have a passion for flowers, vegetables, plants, trees or shrubs then this is the group for you to meet up with. Additional information can be obtained by calling 732-388-1765...



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There are things that we can plant now that will be able to withstand the cold nights: lettuce, peas, beets and radish to name a few. These vegetables will be ready to harvest when the time arrives to plant warm weather veggies.

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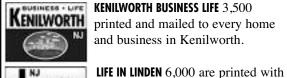


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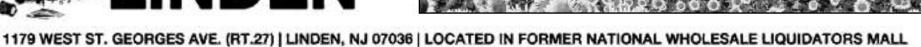
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M&R Asti 1.5lt
Mark West Pinot Noir 750ml \$10°°
Menage Trois Red Rose 750ml 889
Mirassou (All Types) 1.5lt \$ 899
Moet Imperial 750mls32°
Nando Asti Sumante 750ml \$ 8°°
Robert Mondavi Private Selection 750ml . \$ 999
Robert Mondavi Private Selection 1.5lt \$18.99
Ruffino Chianti 1.5lt
Ruffino Chianti classico
Santa Margerita Pinot Grigio 750ml \$1999
Sebastiani Chardonnay 750ml 999
Sutter Home (All Varieties) 1.5lt \$ 9"
Sutter Home White Zinfandel 1.5lt \$ 799
Sutter Home Moscato $1.5lt\ldots$ \$ 8%
Veuve Clicquot Brut 750ml\$4199
Woodbridge (All Types) 1.5lt <sup>\$</sup> 10 <sup>99</sup>
Yellow Tail (All Types) 1.5lt \$1099
Zonin Pinot Grigio 1.51
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COGNAC/BRANDY	
Courvoisier VS 750ml	. \$ <b>27</b> 99
<b>Courvoisier VS</b> 1.75lt	. \$ <b>52</b> 99
Hennessy 750ml	. \$ <b>28</b> 99
<b>Hennessy</b> 11t	. \$ <b>35</b> 99
<b>Hennessy</b> 1.75lt	. \$ <b>59</b> 99
JC VSOP 750ml	. \$ <b>19</b> 91
Paul Masson VS 750ml	. \$ <b>9</b> 99
Paul Masson VS 1.75lt	. \$ <b>19</b> 99
Remy Martin VSOP 750ml	. \$ <b>36</b> 99
Remy Martin VSOP 1lt	. \$ <b>49</b> 99
VODKA	
<b>Absolut</b> 750ml	. \$1 <b>8</b> 99
<b>Absolut</b> 1.75lt	. \$ <b>29</b> 99
Ciroc (All Types) 750ml	. \$ <b>29</b> 99
<b>Ciroc</b> (All Types) 1.75lt	. \$ <b>55</b> 99
Finlandia 750ml	. \$1 <i>5</i> 99
Finlandia 11t	. \$ <b>17</b> 99
<b>Finlandia</b> 1.75lt	. \$ <b>25</b> 99
<b>Fris</b> 1.75lt	. \$1 <b>8</b> 99
Grey Goose (All Types) 750ml	. <b>\$27</b> 99
Grey Goose (All Types) 1.75lt	. <b>\$49</b> 99
<b>Ketel One</b> 1.75 lt	. \$ <b>39</b> 99
Luksusowa 750ml	. \$14 <sup>99</sup>
<b>Luksusowa</b> 1.75lt	. \$ <b>19</b> 99
<b>Majorska</b> 1.75lt	. \$ <b>14</b> 99
Pinnacle Vodka 1.75lt	. \$1 <b>8</b> 99
Sobieski 750ml	. \$10 <sup>99</sup>
<b>Sobieski</b> 1.75lt	. \$ <b>17</b> 99
Svedka (All Types) 1.75 lt	. \$ <b>19</b> 99
<b>Smirnoff</b> 750ml	. \$10°°
<b>Smirnoff</b> 1.75lt	. \$ <b>19</b> 99
Stolichanaya 1.75lt	. \$ <b>29</b> <sup>99</sup>

**LIQUOR** 

# Three Olives (All Types) 1.75lt. \$259 Tanqueray Sterling 1.75lt \$299 CORDIALS \$1999 Bailey's Irish Creme 750ml \$1999 Bailey's Irish Creme 1.75lt \$3899 Leroux Blackberry Brandy 750ml \$1199 Leroux Blackberry Brandy 1.75lt \$1999 Patron XO Cafe 750ml \$2299 Southern Comfort 750ml \$1699 Southern Comfort 1.75lt \$2699

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Bombay Sapphire 1.75lt	. \$ <b>38</b> 9
<b>Seagram's</b> 1.75lt	. \$179
Tanqueray 1.75lt	. \$ <b>37</b> 9
RUM	
Bacardi Lt, Gold, Select 1.75lt	. \$199
Captain Morgan 1.75lt	. \$23°
<b>Malibu</b> 750ml	. \$189
Malibu 1.751t	
WHISKEY	
Ballantine Finest 1.75lt	. \$ <b>28</b> 9
Canadian Club 1.75lt	
Canadian Mist 1.75lt	. \$189
Chivas Reaal 12 Year 750ml	

Canadian Mist 1.75lt	18 <sup>99</sup>
Chivas Regal 12 Year 750ml	<b>27</b> 99
Chivas Regal 12 Year 1.75lts	52 <sup>99</sup>
<b>Crown Royal</b> 1.75lt	45 <sup>99</sup>
Dewar's White Label 750mls	1999
Dewar's White Label 1.75lt	<b>29</b> 99
<b>Dewar's 12 Year</b> 750ml\$	<b>29</b> 99
<b>Dewar's 12 Year</b> 1.75lt	4 <b>9</b> 99
Gentleman Jack 750mls	26 <sup>99</sup>
Gentleman Jack 1.75lt	49 <sup>99</sup>
<b>Grant's</b> 750ml	1399
<b>Grant's</b> 1.75lt	23 <sup>99</sup>
Jack Daniel's Black 750ml	2199
Jack Daniel's Black 1.75lts	40 <sup>99</sup>
Jameson 750mls	25 <sup>99</sup>
Jim Beam Whisky 1.75lts	<b>29</b> 99
Johnnie Walker Black 750ml	31%
Johnnie Walker Black 1.75lt	5 <b>9</b> 99
Johnnie Walker Blue 750ml	69%
Johnnie Walker Red 750mls	1999
Johnnie Walker Red 1.75lt	31%
Maker's Mark 750mls	25 <sup>99</sup>
Maker's Mark 1.75lt	 46%
Seagram's 7 1.75lts	1899

#### **TEQUILA**

Avion Silver 750ml	\$ <b>36</b> 99
El Jimador Reposado 100% Agave Tequi	la
(#1 Selling Tequila in Mexico) 750ml	\$1999
El Jimador Reposado 1.75lt	
Jose Cuervo 11t	
Jose Cuervo 1.75lt	
Patron Silver 750ml	

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Budwesier Family (Cans) 30pk	. \$ <b>20</b> 99
Coors Lt & Bud Family (Loose Bottles)	. \$1699
<b>Coors Lite</b> (Cans) 30pk	. \$ <b>20</b> 99
Corona 24pk (Bottles)	. \$ <b>25</b> 99
Guinness Pub (Bottles) 24pk	. \$ <b>26</b> 99
Heineken and Amstel Lt 24pk	
Miller Lite (Cans) 30pk	. \$20°°
Modelo Especial (Cans) 24pk	
Sargres 24pk (Bottles)	
Smithwick's 24pk	. \$ <b>27</b> 99
Sam Adams Lager 24pk	
Stella Artois 24pk	. \$ <b>24</b> 99
<b>Tecate</b> 24pk (Cans)	. \$1599
Yuengling Lager (Loose Bottles) 24pk	. \$1599
<b>Zyweic</b> (11.2oz) 24pk	

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