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ART HIVE OPENS UP WITH A BANG ON MAIN STREET

On August 5th, the Rahway Art Hive held its gala opening at 1491 Main Street in Downtown Rahway and the crowd grew so large, it spilled out onto the street and stopped traffic. The gallery was beaming with excitement and the art work was well worth braving the high temperatures both inside and outside the gallery.

Catering was provided by the Rahway Grill and the building owner Ken Hoi Leung who owns two chinese restaurants in New York City. The food was well received by the guests and the refreshments where flowing freely.

Musical entertainment came in the form of guitarist

Leonel Lorador in the early evening followed by the rock trio Chooch the Mighty Train. The guests were dancing and singing along with the music and a great time was had by all.

The Art Hive is a true example of the energy and excitement that art and artists can bring to our community. Not too long ago, this was a vacant building with plastic sheeting on the windows. Derelict for two years. Now, it's a beautiful highlight on Main Street with it's window displays and 50 foot mural gracing the facade on the outside, and on the inside, it's walls are covered with the amazing work of 8 very talented and dedicated artists.



Photo by Clea Carchia of Chameleon Design House



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(above) Artist Mike "Shoe" Nyegaard and friends.



Photo by Pete Nitschke

(above, l-r) Art Hive artists Frank Gallo, Jim Mckeen, Ekaterina Kardonova, and Steve Salek.

RAHWAY POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY CERT PROGRAM

The Rahway Police Department is looking for people who want to make a difference in our community. Community Emergency Response Team (Cert) program is designed to train people to be better prepared to respond to emergency situations in their community. When emergencies happen, CERT members can give critical support to first responders, provide immediate assistance to victims, and organize spontaneous volunteers at a disaster site. CERT members, currently 40, can also help with non-emergency projects that help improve the safety of the community.

The CERT program is designed to train and set up communications between First Responders and the community to save lives following a major disaster. There will be 8 sessions (20 hours) consisting of the following topics: Disaster Preparedness, Disaster Fire Suppression, Disaster Medical Operations Part 1, Disaster Medical

Operations Part 2, Light Search & Rescue Operations, Disaster Psychology & Team Organization, Terrorism, and a Final Practical exercise realistic to this community.

The Rahway Police Department is now accepting applications from people within the Rahway Community who are at least 21 years old and interested in becoming a part of the Rahway CERT Team. The training will be held at the Rahway Police Department on Wednesdays from September 8th, 2010 until October 20th, 2010 from 6:30 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. The program will consist of 7 classes and a practical exercise. The practical exercise date will be announced at the start of the program.

Applications may be obtained at the Rahway Police Department or for more information you can contact Detective William Eicholz at 732-827-2079 or weicholz@rahwaypolice.com

DISCOVER RAHWAY DAY . . . 2ND ANNUAL JCW BIKE TOUR

The second annual Jane Case Weaver Bike Tour will be on Saturday, Sept. 11, honoring a great Rahway Resident who would always be seen biking her way through town. It all starts at 10 a.m. from the Rahway Recreation Center on East Milton Ave. It is part of the Discover Rahway Weekend sponsored by the Recreation Center and the Rahway Festival/Jane Case Weaver Bike Tour Volunteers. This year there will be a Saturday Street Fair at 11am on Main and Cherry Streets. The Rahway YMCA is a major part of the event this year and when you end your tour at their grounds be ready to enjoy a free concert courtesy of Rahway's own famous "Bad Attitude". While there enjoy the international food court and stroll on Irving Street to check out some great business displays and a special antique circa 1870 Hearse display courtesy of Lehrer-Giblisco Funeral Home or check out the historic Union County Performing Arts Center.

This city-wide 9.5 mile ride follows Rahway's network of bike paths through some little-known green spaces including Essex Street Park, Wetlands Nature Preserve, Rahway River Bike Path (part of East Coast Bike Way). The tour is "Family Friendly" and includes a shorter route.

Again, Rahway's Wizdom Media is donating its services to the event which is chaired by Joe Carpenter. As always the event is funded entirely by donations. Vice Chair Matt Dobrowolski is coordinating vendor displays and can be reached at (908) 500-3503.

(right) Former Rahway Center Partnership Chairman Paul Mulligan pushing the pedals along on Bridge Street in last year's Jane C. Weaver Memorial Bike Tour.



Article and photos were submitted by Rahway resident & Realtor Matt Dobrowolski.

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Message from the Chairman



RAHWAY'S RAILROADING PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE "ONLY FORTY-FIVE MINUTES FROM RAHWAY"

Like my father, and uncle and brother before me I attended St. Benedict's Prep in Newark. Every day after school like they had done, I'd take the local train for the twenty minute ride back to Rahway. In fact my grandparents moved to Rahway in 1918 in large part because of the train. Great Grandfather Flaherty moved with them. He had worked for the Erie Lackawanna Railroad. I was fascinated as a child by the fact that Pop Flaherty's right ring finger was missing in that it blew off while he was dynamiting for a railroad tunnel in the mountains of Pennsylvania. Pop Markey was a telegrapher and worked for the Pennsylvania Railroad. Being a telegrapher meant Pop Markey was on call and he was told by his bosses that "you need to be within a forty-five minute train ride from New York's Pennsylvania Station in case of emergencies so pick a town with a good train station and don't move any further out into the country than Rahway". So Pop and Grandma Markey with their two sons in arm and Pop Flaherty trailing behind moved out of their Jersey City flat and bought a home on Broadway in Rahway close to Ryan's Corner Garage on Madison and Westfield Avenue. My Dad told me that growing up he used to hunt small game with his shotgun in the fields where the Middle School now is. In good weather Pop Markey walked from his new "country" home to our Rahway Station in order to catch the train to work in NYC. In bad weather or maybe when he wasn't quite up to it he'd catch a ride on a bus that ran from Westfield to downtown Rahway.

Less than one hundred years ago the train tracks running through Rahway were at grade level. Today as you ride along Fulton Street and Broad Street pause to consider that when many of those homes were built, coal fired steam locomotives were puffing dark black smoke and roaring by their front or rear yards at street level. In fact the railroad tracks were first laid in Rahway in 1833 connecting Jersey City with New Brunswick. Rahway was considered a main stop. Many of those old neighborhoods bordering the tracks were home to railroading families. Some of their descendents still live there today.

Every work day hundreds of commuters are standing on the Rahway Station platforms waiting for the next train to get them to work. NJ Transit and the City of Rahway with a "green eye " to the future teamed up about ten years ago and built a fabulous new Train Station and Plaza. Our downtown received the designation Transit Village which is helping to fuel our city's economic engine and making Rahway a more attractive and convenient place to call home. Today our station serves thousands of commuters each week. On the weekends the riders are more apt to be riding for fun and heading off to be entertained in NYC or maybe to Princeton for some of the same or to the Jersey shore and our lovely beaches and seaside resorts. They're all close by and "Only Forty-Five Minutes from Rahway".

Sincerely,

Bob Markey

Acting Chairman

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RAHWAY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

Meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the City Hall, City Hall Plaza, Rahway. Please call (732) 827-2100 for any inquiries.

Tuesday, August 3, Pre-Meeting Conference
Monday, August 9, Regular Meeting

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Meetings are held in the Municipal Council Chambers, 1 City Hall Plaza, Rahway, at 7:00 p.m. Please call (732) 827-2176 for any inquiries.

Monday, August 16

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Monthly Caucus Meetings are held in the Louis R. Rizzo Board Meeting Room (room 105) of the Middle School at 7 p.m.

Board Meetings are held in the Cafeteria at 7 p.m. Organization Meeting begins at 7 p.m., Regular Meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. (Both in the Cafeteria). Please call (732) 396-1000 for any inquiries.

Tuesday, August 17 Caucus Meeting

Tuesday, August 31 Regular Meeting

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Meetings are held at 7:00 PM at Rahway City Hall (2nd floor conference room). Please call (732) 827-2000 for any inquiries.

August NO MEETING

HOUSING AUTHORITY

All Meetings will be held on Thursdays in the Regular Meeting Room of the Housing Authority of the City of Rahway at 165 East Grand Avenue at 7:00 p.m. Please call (732) 499-0066 for any inquiries.

August NO MEETING

LIBRARY BOARD

Meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm at the Rahway Public Library. Please call (732) 340-1551 for any inquiries.

Tuesday, August 17

PARKING AUTHORITY

Meetings are held at the Parking Authority offices at 67 Lewis Street, Rahway, on the first Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. Please call (732) 382-3279 for any inquiries.

Wednesday, August 4

PLANNING BOARD

Meetings are held in the Municipal Council Chambers, 1 City Hall Plaza, Rahway at 7:00 p.m. Please call (732) 827-2176 for any inquiries.

Tuesday, July 27

RAHWAY CENTER PARTNERSHIP

Meetings are held at 7 p.m. at Hotel Indigo, 1 Carriage City Plaza, 2nd Floor. Please call (732) 396-3545 for any inquiries.

Check for meetings; www.cityofrahway.com/rahway_center_partnership.htm

REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Meetings are held in the Municipal Council Chambers, 1 City Hall Plaza, Rahway. Please call (732) 827-2193 for any inquiries.

Wednesday, August 4

RAHWAY PUBLIC LIBRARY AUGUST 2010 EVENTS

MOVIE: “Clash of the Titans” rated PG-13

Saturday, August 7 at 2:00 pm

MOVIE: “Date Night” rated PG-13

Saturday, August 14 at 2:00 pm

READER’S CIRCLE BOOK GROUP

Wednesday, August 18 at 2:00 pm

BOOK BINGO: Everyone wins! Open to adults, age 18+.

Tuesday, August 24 at 2:00 pm

TEEN EVENTS

BREAKIN’ IN THE REC: Breakdance performance.

Monday, August 2 at 4:00 pm

WEDNESDAY MOVIE MATINEE: movie & popcorn.

Wednesdays, August 4 & 11 at 2:00 pm

MAKE WAVES AT YOUR LIBRARY: Summer Reading Club

Summer Reading bingo boards are due by August 13th.

Complete your board to be eligible for the End of Summer Raffle on September 3!

CHILDREN EVENTS

COOL MOVIE

Monday, August 2 at 2:00 pm

Book Report Club

Tuesday, August 3 & 10 from 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Board Game Challenge:

Friday, August 6 from 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Bingo: Wednesday, August 11 at 6:30 pm

2010 MAYOR’S SUMMER CONCERT SERIES LINE-UP

August 12 - Swing Night with Sentinental Journey Orchestra Salute to Glenn Miller and the Big Bands of Yesteryear

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August 26 - Oldies Night with The Bronx Wanderers Sentinental Journey Big Band

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Roll Out the Welcome Mat is a regular feature of "Our Town" welcoming new residents and businesses.

DALE, MAHOGANY & JEREMIAH CLARKE OF GROVE STREET

Dale Clarke was raised in Yonkers, New York. His family roots travel back to the island of Jamaica. Mahogany was born and raised in Michigan. They became sweethearts while attending college in her home state.

Mahogany wanted to pursue a modeling and writing career and thought that New York City would be the best place for that pursuit. In 2000 Mahogany began researching apartments in NYC and the surrounding metropolitan area. On a whim she took a train ride and ended up in Rahway and it was love at first sight. As she puts it "I felt like I was somehow lead to Rahway. As soon as I got here I just knew I wanted to stay."

After a while Dale joined Mahogany in Rahway finding a job for himself in the financial district in downtown Manhattan. They lived for a while in a Rahway apartment before beginning to look for a home.

Mahogany and Dale were fussy. It had to be the "right" home. After searching for two and one half years, working with fifteen different Realtors and looking at over one hundred houses they finally found their home. Local Realtor Brian Garland from Saliga & Markey Real Estate, Inc. was the one who showed them exactly what they were looking for. "Brian was very honest and would point out the flaws in a

house. He did not sugar coat anything and told it like it was" noted Dale. They are very appreciative of the fact that Brian hung in there with them. Finally a house came on the market that Brian thought would be perfect for the Clarkes. He called right away and insisted that they would miss out on "the" house if they did not immediately take the time to go see it. Mahogany was very pregnant but agreed to take a peek. It turned out to be the home of their dreams; they closed and moved in during February 2010.

Dale's parents gifted them their new kitchen appliances and Mahogany's dad came in from Michigan, stayed a month and helped remove wallpaper and then paint all the rooms in the house; a real "family" project. The first special event in their new home was Jeremiah's first birthday party. Jeremiah was born July 10, 2009.

Asked what they like best about their home, Dale said "the finished basement and the attic space". He hopes to someday open up the attic and make a huge bedroom suite. Mahogany said that she "loves the front porch and being able to sit outside and enjoy the sites and sounds of her new neighborhood".

Dale and Mahogany also love Rahway's

central location and the ease of getting from town to any part of New Jersey. And then of course New York City is just a short train ride. "The people in Rahway have been so very nice and the many community events offered makes it a nice family town" noted Mahogany.



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“We’ve basically gone from the oldest technology to the newest,” said Rahway store manager Sandra Saravia. “Users can stick a stack of 50 cash bills of various denominations or 30 checks into the machines with no envelope or deposit slip. The ATM automatically counts the bills and scans the checks, giving the user an image of each check on a paper receipt,” she continued.

“These ATMs are especially helpful to small businesses because all transactions made before 8 p.m. will post to the customer’s account that day. Formerly, the ATM cut-off was 4 p.m., and the store cut-off is 3 p.m., so this is a real benefit to them – as well as to consumers depositing paychecks or government checks,” Saravia said.

The old ATM machines required a person in the branch to open each deposit envelope and process each transaction by hand, and that’s where the “green” comes in. Because the ATMs don’t use envelopes or deposit slips, companywide these machines have already saved an estimated 600 tons of paper or 11,681

trees, based on estimates from the Environmental Defense Fund Paper Calculator, <http://www.papercalculator.com>.

“I think consumers and businesses will really appreciate our new ATMs,” Saravia said. “They save our customers time and hassle – the ATM does all the math and all the work.”

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(above. l-r) Cassaundra Gilchrist, Service Manager at Rahway Branch with Wachovia/Wells Fargo ATM customer Gloria Gross of Rahway, owner of puppystyles.com, and her mini Pomeranian Foxybrown.

KRAMER NAMED VP RWJ RAHWAY



Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Rahway has named Kevin Kramer, Esq. as Vice President of Legal Affairs and General Counsel for the hospital. In addition to serving as legal counsel, Mr. Kramer

will also handle Corporate Compliance for the 265-bed community hospital.

Prior to joining RWJ Rahway, Mr. Kramer was an attorney in the health care group at Gibbons PC in Newark, where he counseled hospitals, home health agencies, adult medical day care centers, pharmaceutical companies, and medical device manufacturers on a number of issues. Prior to that position, he was a health care attorney for Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP in Florham Park.

A resident of Hoboken, Mr. Kramer is a graduate of Syracuse University and Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law. Prior to law school, he served as a Legislative Correspondent for U.S. Senators Richard Bryan of Nevada and Bill Bradley of New Jersey.

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Toni Moore of Rahway



(above) Sukhdeep Rathore and John Loland from Hauser Farms of Old Bridge.

WET BOTTOM SHOOFLY PIE A BIG HIT!



(above) You don't have to drive all the way out to Lancaster County, PA to get the real deal. Amish Country Bakery makes the two and one half hour one way trip every Thursday in order to sell their fresh baked goods at Thursday's downtown Jersey Fresh Market. Pictured above in her stylish Amish outfit is helper Lovina, a dear friend of the bakery owner, Daniel Hostetler. The bakery is a family affair and provides authentic Amish breads and pies and sweets . The market is located alongside the clock tower at NJT Train Station Plaza.



The Jersey Fresh Market runs in season every Thursday from noon till 6:00Pm at NJT Train Station Plaza in downtown.

FRED'S IN A REAL GOOD MOOD . . . MUST HAVE BEEN BUSY



(above) Fred Schieferstein of Schieferstein's Farm Market on Madison Hill Road in Clark is a fixture at Rahway's Jersey Fresh Market . Fred and his brother Andrew are third generation owners and pride themselves in providing downtown market shoppers for over fifteen years with the freshest produce available. Don't miss out on also stopping by the Clark market and sampling one of brother Andrew's pies. Karan Antonello of Rahway remarked that "I have never tasted a better apple pie in my life". Karan should know as she's an accomplished baker herself.



(above) Oscar picks a perfect Jersey Tomato with Justina Kokoszka.



(above) Tim The Sales Guy of Yona's Gourmet Delights



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You know your neighbor well, this isn't his son or any friend you recognize, you ask yourself "maybe I should call the police?" then you think "no, they'll think I'm a nuisance, crying wolf". Well we can't ask any stronger **MAKE THE CALL!**

MAKE THE CALL each and every time something arouses your suspicion. The Rahway Police Department is here to serve you and all of your neighbors. We cannot stress enough the importance of early detection when it comes to crimes like burglary or theft. Even with motorized patrols, the odds of being able to spot a criminal in the actual act of breaking into a home are rare. Sure, heavy patrols can deter someone from committing a crime in the first place and we are often successful in apprehending someone after the fact. Often diligent investigative work, tips and contact with the suspect shortly after a crime can lead to an arrest. But **NOTHING** works as well as early information.

As responding police, we are trained to arrive, assess and decide which is a real crime or incident and which isn't. Maybe the person you saw does have a legitimate reason for walking around the perimeter of your neighbors' home. If they do, being checked by the police is easily explained to them and rarely causes resentment.

If they're not there with good intent, it can and has stopped a crime and better yet, led to the arrest of criminals bent on entering a home.

Perhaps the best advice is this, **CALL** and don't delay calling. We are ready and trained to take action. **NEVER** take action yourself, it can be dangerous. Timely notification is the key. Remember this advice: If it looks or sounds suspicious, it probably is. Providing us with a good description of the person(s), direction of travel, vehicle information and any other details you can, will help us tremendously. You can even do so anonymously if you feel awkward, we encourage providing your name in case of future or follow up contact, but we will never turn away your call in either case.

Rahway Police Department (732) 827-2200
Rahway Police Tips Line (732) 388-1553.

Detective William Eicholz Neighborhood watch coordinator (732) 827-2079.



(above) Senior Warden Lawrence Bodine of the Lafayette Masonic Lodge #27 presenting business watch signs to City of Rahway Mayor James J. Kennedy, Rahway Police Chief John M. Rodger, and Neighborhood Watch coordinator Detective William Eicholz.

BUSINESS WATCH PROGRAM

A United Community is a Safe Community

WHAT IS BUSINESS WATCH?

A group of neighborhood citizens assisted by the Rahway Police Department in becoming aware of the steps which can be taken to make their homes and businesses more secure against criminal activity while providing an opportunity for neighbors to help each other in protecting their entire community.

The City of Rahway Business watch program requires minimal effort and gets people talking and caring about one another. It opens communication links between our community and our police department.

WHY DO WE NEED BUSINESS WATCH?

Business watch establishes a formal network for concerned citizens to report problems to the Rahway Police Department. The citizens provide the eyes and ears of the neighborhood / business district and thus, criminals cannot and will not operate in an area where the citizens are on the alert.

WHAT ARE OUR SPECIFIC BUSINESS WATCH GOALS?

To reduce burglaries, theft and other criminal activities, And to ensure better communication through reporting of any crimes and quality of life issues that need to be addressed.

HOW DO I BECOME A MEMBER

OF THE BUSINESS WATCH GROUP?

Contact Detective William Eicholz of the Rahway Police Department at (732) 827-2079 or weicholz@rahwaypolice.com to request information and planning and training strategies. We are now taking applications for Business block captains.

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CHESS MATES HOLDING SUMMER CAMPS



(above) participants of the First Summer Chess Mates Summer Camp (front, l-r) Sofia Macaspac, Angel Muñoz-Avila and Matthew Malongi. (back,l-r) Instructor GM Leonid Yudasin Bhauya Krishna, Pranav Krishna, Alisha Griffin, and Owner NM Arthur Macaspac.

Chess Mates, which opened its doors this summer in downtown Rahway has completed two of its three summer camps. Participants are age 6 to 14 and come from various towns with a variety of skills from beginner to experienced. Grand Master Leonid Yudasin is the instructor.

Owner and National Master Arthur Macaspac has recently played in the 2010 U.S. Inter-service Chess Championship in Illinois representing the Army and earned one of six spots on the U.S. Team in the NATO Chess Championship in October in Denmark.

There is an opportunity for youngsters to sign up for one last camp this summer August 30 to September 3, 2010. Activities and Schedule: Monday to Friday 9 am to 1 pm. Camp Fees: One week: \$150, More than 1 child in the family: 20% Discount. Contact the club for details.

Chess Mates 1531 Irving Street, Rahway, NJ 07065
(732) 499-0118 / Arthur.macaspac@chessmatesnj.com
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(above) Angel Muñoz-Avila of Rahway checkmates Matthew Malongi of Clark to win the First Chess Mates Summer Camp.

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the artists, the events and the buzz about rahway's artstown

JOANN LYNCH: HOMEGROWN ARTIST CREATES CLASSICAL CHARM IN MODERN TIMES

Sagebrush Studios owner JoAnn Lynch is not just a faux-finisher, she's an artist who chooses walls as her canvas. Her passion is recreating beautiful old timeless finishes using modern techniques and organic materials like lime paint and mineral based plasters.

Perhaps her connection with nature started right here in Rahway. JoAnn Sutcliffe, recalls growing up on Milton Lake, "We were always going on adventures, Milton Lake had something to do all year long - sledding, fishing, swimming - we even built our own wooden raft, just like Tom Sawyer's!"

JoAnn attributes her talent to being born into the highly artistic Murphy clan of women. Fascinated with the natural world, at age 5 she began painting landscapes and seascapes with oils, later experimenting with abstract art forms.

JoAnn attended Union County College for awhile, where she met James "Jimmy" Lynch. The two set their sites on Colorado, where they married and raised their two daughters until her father became ill and she returned to New Jersey and college concentrating on fine arts and faux-finishes.

In 1997, she launched her company with a mission to create classical environments in homes and businesses. Today, Sagebrush Studios is renowned for creating and restoring period finishes ranging from Americana,

Victorian, European to Art Deco. Her frescos, stencils, architectural motifs and even whimsical children's murals are applied to walls, canvas, furniture and floor cloths.

With JoAnn, it's more than a business, it's her passion. "It may sound airy-fairy but even when I work on a commission piece, as soon as I get the brush in my hand and feel the color and the paint, it becomes a meditation of sorts and I tap into some universal creative soul."

Sagebrush Studios,
1657 Irving Street, Rahway (by appt. only.)
email - sagebrush711@mac.com
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Article & photos by Francesca Rizzo



(above) JoAnn in front of her rare Bay Magnolia tree.



(above) With brush in hand, JoAnn creates a mural.



(above) In the doorway of her studio



(above) At 11, a Pop Warner Football League Cheerleader!

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Message form Edward Yergalonis, Superintendent of Schools



WELCOME BACK 2010

On July 1, 2010, I assumed the position of Superintendent of Schools replacing Mr. Frank Buglione who proudly served this district for almost 40 years. As a Rahway High School graduate, it is especially rewarding to be an instructional leader in the same district that I attended as a child. I am a product of Madison School, the Rahway Junior High School and finally a 1974 graduate of RHS. I have served the district as a teacher, coach, supervisor, vice principal, principal of the Middle School, principal of the High School and finally prior to assuming this position Assistant Superintendent of Schools.

In education we are quite lucky. Every September we get an opportunity to start over. Each year starts with a renewed sense of enthusiasm and excitement. Both students and staff get to have a fresh start. This sense of rebirth is invigorating. As I begin my tenure as Superintendent, I will be communicating a spirit of high expectations for all. I have the highest expectations for myself and my staff and I have the highest expectations that our students can achieve and excel at their highest level. “Expecting Excellence” will be the guiding theme. I strongly believe that good teaching will equate to good student learning. There must be a continual sense of urgency regarding student achievement.

As the calendar pages continue to turn, your family should be getting ready for school. School starts for all children on September 7,

2010. Please have your children use the next several weeks to complete any summer reading, math and science assignment. Encourage your child to read that extra book and challenge his / her mind in a productive fashion. One can never underestimate the power of your “family time.” Your serious commitment to academic excellence will transfer to your child. I encourage you to read and study together. Engage in thought provoking and challenging dialog. For those entering their senior year, I trust your college essays are being completed and you have a rigid schedule for any additional standardized tests, namely, the SAT or the SAT II examination. You should be well along in the college selection process by now and it is imperative to watch your deadlines very closely. Your senior year will fly by!!!

At times, walking in the streets has been a problem for our youngsters. I am very pleased to report that last year was an excellent year. Our students respected traffic flow and had a very safe and incident free year. I ask them to repeat this behavior this school year. Please encourage your child to stay on the sidewalk and obey all traffic signals and crossing guards. Many times, visitors to the community will get a negative first impression of our students by the way they walk to and from school. Rahway is a great community and everything we do should reflect very positively on the schools and community at large. Please help me spread this message.

Our student dress code is also being altered to reflect this positive impression. Our principals will be communicating this to you in the upcoming weeks, but I would like to point out a few significant changes. No sleeveless shirts will be allowed. All backs and shoulders must be covered (this prohibits all tank style shirts). Also, no flip flops or athletic slides will be

permitted. I certainly recognize that styles change, but all gentlemen must wear their pants at the appropriate waist level. When coming to school, one must think of this as how one would go to business, namely, “Dressed for Success.”

Once again I would like to publicly thank the community members for their continued support as demonstrated by passing our building referendum enhancement project along with your yearly support of the budget. I am pleased to report that our building projects are underway and for the next 18 months we will be a hub of activity. As this paper goes to press, the High School reroofing project will be wrapping up. Preliminary work has commenced at both the High School and Middle School on the installation of solar energy panels. Several projects that are also ongoing at this time are the installation of secure vestibules in our elementary schools and the complete installation of new fire alarm systems in all of the buildings. There are several other mechanical projects that are underway, yet are not quite as visible to the public. Within the next several months we will be breaking ground at Cleveland School and the High School for our proposed additions and do a complete heating and cooling upgrade at the Middle School. I ask for your patience in dealing with these projects. There will be some inconveniences along the way but I know the end result will be worth it.

Finally, I am pleased to report that our teachers and administrators are working closely together to deliver the very best instruction in a fiscally prudent manner.

As I bring this article to closure, I am inspired to be able to ignite the minds of our youngsters and spirit of the staff to “Expect Excellence.” We must translate this sense of urgency to our students. We must seek excellence today because tomorrow may be too late.



(above) Rahway teachers attend the Academy for Leadership in Science Instruction to enhance their knowledge of science and engage colleagues in providing effective science instruction for all students.



(above) Mrs. Paula Braxton, former High School Principal, interacts with student participants in our recent Water Champions Project.



(above) Dulce Zafra and Alaja Wilson with Mrs. Linda Brenner and Mrs. Doris Jellison in Roosevelt's School summer program.

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(above) Ed Cook of Cranford with his 1932 Ford.



(above) Rahway residents Janet and Bob Barkoff with their 1962 pontiac grand prix.



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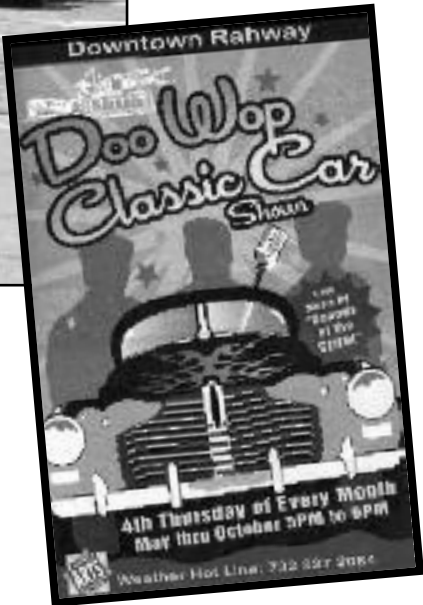


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"MAGIC JOHN CARLINI"

John Carlini moved to Rahway eleven years ago in part to make access easier to his primary line of work, Signal and Communication Foreman with Amtrak. You see, John's a railroad man and he's not new on the rails as he's been fixing problems with switches and signals for over thirty years. "When it's cold and freezing and snowing I'm out there on the tracks with my gang. When it's 104 degrees and the sweat is pouring out of me like a river and I wonder whenever is this day going to end you can bet I'm out there too keeping those rails safe". John's line of work as you might imagine is not easy. He and his crew work the Northeast Corridor high speed train line. When there's a pedestrian fatality John and his crew are often called upon to assist the coroner's office.

John was raised on the streets of New York. Home was a walk up apartment in a building his parents still own and live in located on the lower Westside near St. Vincent's Hospital. John shared the comfortable five room apartment with Mom and Dad and five other brothers and sisters. John attended NYC public schools and graduated from Roosevelt High. It was here



in NYC that John's love for magic began. Both his father and grandfather were accomplished stage magicians. John began doing close up magic at eight and by eleven years old he too was performing shows on stage.

John really brought his magic up to the next higher level while in an unlikely spot, Vietnam. "I was in hospital healing from a badly banged up knee I got while on duty and I started doing close up magic from my wheelchair. Lemons turned to lemonade as I made my hospital buddies laugh and smile and being so close to them I was able to gauge what was working

magically and what wasn't". And so also began his repertoire of nonstop jokes that flow like a river when he's on the roll. John served with honor in the Corp from 1968 till 1970 with the 1st Battalion-3rd Marines. John continues to wear the colors proudly.

A strong sideline with magic keeps John quite busy. "Sometimes I'm doing a gig at a club in the city and other times I might be doing a small dinner party in Bradley Beach" remarked John. "I'll do Close Up, Stage or Cabaret magic. I can make magic at the bar with sponges and card tricks or if you prefer I'll make a lady float in the air on stage" quipped John with that signature smile that runs deep. Carlini "the Master of Illusion" can be contacted for private parties, clubs, etc. by calling John at 732 669 0854.



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