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The Rahway Branch of the Eastern Union County YMCA was again the host for Square Foot Gardening's "Great Zucchini Race" which took place at the Y's playground at noon last Thursday, August 2. The annual event is the brainchild of local Realtor Bob Markey who when he's not selling homes he's teaching gardening to the Rahway Branch Summer Campers. "The Zucchini Race is just plain fun and a highlight of the summer camper gardening program which introduces children to the techniques of the all natural Square Foot Gardening methods" remarked Bob Markey. "Our campers are growing twenty three different types of vegetables as well as edible flowers in above ground boxes in a small space. They're learning about nutrition and healthy lifestyles while also re-connecting with nature which is so important for children today. There are no cell phones or computers in our garden, just us and birds and the bees" quipped Markey.



(above, l-r) NJ Secretary of Agriculture Doug Fisher officiates at the start of the Great Zucchini Race as gardening instructor Bob Markey lifts the starting gate and family member Emma Markowitz of High Bridge looks on as campers ready their racers.





YMCA Staffer Miss Brenda tallying results.



(above) Second Season Camper clipping basil.



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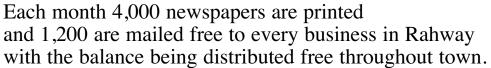
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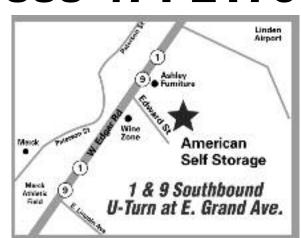
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YMCA SQUARE FOOT GARDEN CAMPERS DONATE HERBS

Since 2009 the Rahway Branch of the Eastern Union County YMCA has included gardening in its summer camp program. "Thirty to forty campers each summer learn the techniques of Square Foot Gardening as taught by Mel Bartholomew, creator and author of the largest selling garden book in the United States "All New Square Foot Gardening" noted Lindsay Sudia of the Rahway Y staff.

Bob Markey, local Realtor, Master Gardener and Certified Instructor in Square Foot Gardening developed the program four years ago and oversees its operation.



(above, l-r) Rahway Branch Director Gerry Gessie, Lindsay Sudia School Age Child Care Director, local Chef Carlos Caraballo of downtown's Rail House Restaurant cutting fennel and Rahway Y Branch summer campers.



OH DEER.

Two weeks ago at 10 pm near Rahway High School a deer ran across Madison Avenue in front of my car.

If you live near the Rahway River or a lake and walk your dog in one of our parks, you may have noticed that deer have reintroduced themselves to our area over the past couple of years. Deer follow the river and we have many tributaries throughout Rahway. Herds have been spotted at Rahway River Park, Milton Lake, Wheatena Park and Esposito Park in Clark. Now that deer are present it is very unlikely they will go away, so we will need to learn to live with them. Actually, as they breed we can plan on their populations growing in the coming years. We will discuss this again in October during rutting season.

Graceful and beautiful, deer are a lean mean eating machine, stripping gardens of our favorite plants, vegetables and flowers. Most gardeners have only two good choices: Fencing your property or changing plantings to deer resistance plants. A combination of both works

Much worse than garden problems, deer are a hazard to drivers, especially at night. Even though I have seen them at Milton Lake, I was shocked to see a deer blocks away from the park. I count my blessing that I was alert and



Rahway resident gardener "Extraordinaire" James Keane, has been researching and answering garden questions since 1995.

avoided any problems. Deer collusions are expensive and can be deadly. Please drive safely.

For more information on White Tail Deer and deer resistance plants contact Rutgers Cooperative Extension Garden Helpline of Union County @ 908-654-9852.

Rahway is home to many species of native wildlife; red tail fox, raccoons, skunks, groundhogs and nocturnal flying squirrels. Birdwatchers can also sight night herons, hawks, owls and a long list of song birds.

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23 GRADUATE FROM THE RAHWAY YOUTH POLICE ACADEMY

In June, 23 Rahway children between the ages of 11 and 15 graduated from the eleventh annual Rahway Youth Police Academy, which is organized by the Rahway Police Department Juvenile Bureau. The Youth Police Academy is designed to provide young adults with a better understanding of the role of police in today's society. Youth Academy "cadets" are exposed to some of the training, procedures, and technology utilized by police officers on a daily basis. Our goal is to develop a better rapport with the children in the community by breaking down the barriers that exist between police and teens.

During the week-long course, participants tested their physical agility by participating daily in two hours "PT" (physical training), which consisted of pushups, sit ups, running, and a variety of other physical agility tests. The cadets also were exposed to many areas of law enforcement such as accident investigation, and crime scene investigation. The cadets also were educated in areas such as alcohol and drug awareness, gang awareness, K-9, Bomb Squad, Internet Safety, and sports and water safety.

The session culminated in a graduation

ceremony held at John H. Stamler Police Academy in Scotch Plains.

The cadets were recognized for their dedication and hard work during the week, and parents were able to view a slide show aptly named, "A Day in the Life of a Rahway Police Youth Academy Cadet." Each cadet was required to submit an essay detailing their experience during the week. Some of the comments from the essays included, "Being in the Youth Academy made me feel confident...when I wanted to quit, I kept on going. I feel I have better self-discipline." "Overall, this program did wonders for me in terms of setting goals and pushing myself to achieve them." "This academy made me feel proud and confident. I feel that I can accomplish anything I set my mind to. This experience has shown me that being a strong and positive person is cool!"

The Youth Police Academy is an annual program. Applications for the 2013 class are available by contacting Detective Sergeant Dawn Rodger at 732/669-3612 or visiting our website at www.rahwaypolice.com.

Awards were presented to the following Youth Police Academy graduates for their achievements during the Academy:

Top Cadet:

Rachel Rodger and Jonathan Tilton;

Top Essays:

Katherine Fitzharris and Calvin Zhang;

Top Physical Training:

Jaclyn Shrubsall and Saahir Fazaluddin;

Most Improved:

Caroline Mull and Patrick Green

Rahway Youth Police Academy Graduating Class 2012

Justin Bausch, Zachary Pielach, Nicholas Estes, Olivia Pielach, Anthony Favor, Siouxanne Pielach, Saahir Fazaluddin, Jamal Rabb, Kathryn Fitzharris, Jordan Rabb, Aaron Fuller, Rachel Rodger, Patrick Green, Jaclyn Shrubsall, David Hall, Jonathan Tilton, Samir Henderson, Christopher Werner, Justin Kanski, Alexis Wysocki, Caroline Mull, Calvin Zhang, Katherine Palacios



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On June 8, 2012, Rahway Police Officer John Dononfrio was driving his motorcycle in Woodbridge, NJ when a vehicle traveling in the opposite direction made a sudden left turn in front of John causing the accident that resulted in officer Dononfrio being injured severely. John has undergone several surgeries to repair internal injuries and will likely need more. He also suffered a brain injury, but the severity is unknown at this time.

Officer Dononfrio was recently hired by the Rahway Police Department after being laid off buy the Paterson Police Department. Prior to working for Paterson John served with the Department of Corrections at Northern State Prison. John has 9 years of total service with these agencies and has made a lot of friends along the way.

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Tryouts will be held August 27th through August 29th and further information can be had by contacting Coach Soder at the Rahway Branch by telephone 732-388-0057. You don't have to be a member to tryout. "I'll be providing individual attention to each swimmer during practices which depending upon age, will run three to six days each week and begin September 9th. Every kid is going to compete regardless of their experience so no one is going to be left on the bench" remarked Coach Soder.

The Eastern Union County YMCA is was a competitive swimmer himself for six years and has been coaching swimming for well over twenty years. From 1996 through 2000 Ed coached at Stanford University's National Summer Swim Camp under 2 former Olympic coaches, Richard Quick and Skip Kenny. Ed most recently was Head Women's Swim Coach for the College of Saint Elizabeth in Morristown for 4 seasons. Ed is also proud to note that he has helped produce one YMCA National Swimmer.

> "Many coaches like to work with elite swimmers but I'm different. My greatest pleasure comes from working with young swimmers. I teach them how to focus on technique using the water to help you get fast. It's not how fast you kick or how strong you are that makes you fast but rather it's about developing the right technique that will make you a winner. Swimming will build confidence and self-esteem not only in the pool but throughout our lives. It's also a great way to find our untapped potential" stated Coach Soder.

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Members of Rahway CERT Team, which is an all-volunteer unit, traveled to West Trenton on Wednesday, June 27 to pick up their new trailer. The flood response trailer is equipped with a generator, pumps and various tools needed during a flood event.

The City of Rahway is one of 15 Community Emergency Response Teams from across New Jersey to receive a specialized trailer, according to state officials.

Col. Rick Fuentes. State Police Superintendent and Director of the New Jersey OEM, said the Garden State is home to one of the nation's largest CERT programs - almost 19,000 volunteers organized into 432 teams.

"The program is robust because of citizen engagement, neighbor helping neighbor, a New Jersey tradition. We will continue to support our volunteers' efforts by equipping them with resources, such as the Disaster Response and Flood Response Utility Trailers," he said.

Rahway Police Chief and Office of Emergency Management director John Rodger said "The City of Rahway is committed to making the best possible resources available to our first responders. This trailer and associated equipment adds another dimension to our Flood Emergency Response team, and will be a tremendous benefit to the citizens of Rahway.

For information on

The Rahway Cert/Flood team please contact Detective William Eicholz at (732) 827-2079 or weicholz@rahwaypolice.com



(above) Rahway Dep. OEM coordinator Timothy Dunn, Rahway CERT team leader John Pencak, Rahway CERT team leader Dave Stuart, NJ State Police Superintendent Rick Fuentes, and Detective William Eicholz Rahway CERT Team Coordinator receiving a flood response trailer in West Trenton.



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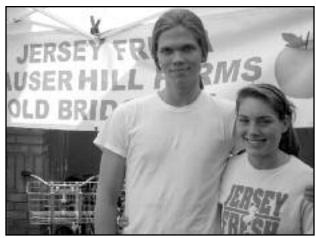
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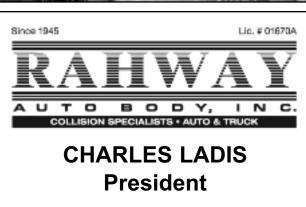
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RAHWAY SENIOR CENTER

If you would like to get a copy of our latest newsletter or more information about any Senior programs please call 732-827-2016.

PROGRAM REGISTRATION

The Rahway Division of Senior Services will hold its 2012/2013 Fall/Winter program registration for Rahway senior citizens age 62 and up starting on Tuesday, August 21, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. at the Rahway Senior Center, 1306 Esterbrook Ave. Doors will open at 7:30 a.m.

All programs are \$5.00 for Rahway Seniors age 62 and up. Out of town registrants can register starting on Thursday, August 23rd.

Rahway Senior Services offers a wide range of programs that include dance, exercise, art, and crafts. We also have a Garden Club, Digital Photography class, Memoir Writing and an Introduction to the Internet Class in collaboration with the Rahway Public Library.

CLUB SCHEDULE

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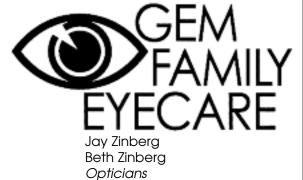
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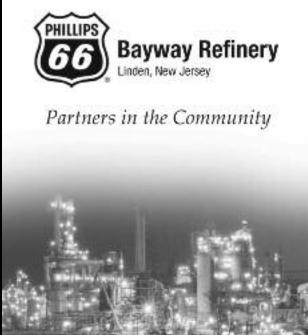
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Submitted by Carmen Tyler McLendon, Broker/Branch Manager of Striker Realty, Rahway and Jasmine Leake, performance poet and president of Grey Eyes Publications.

- There are currently 188 active single family residential listings for Rahway on the MLS.
- 37 are investment properties under \$150,000.
- There are 9 homes under \$100,000,
- 28 between \$100,000-\$150,000,
- 46 ranging from \$200,000-\$250,000
- 41 between \$250,000-\$300,000,
- 14 homes are in the \$300's
- 10 are from \$400,000-\$600,000.
- 69 of these properties are short sales.
- There are 34 multi-family homes available in Rahway.
- 6 are investment properties under \$150,000
- 28 range in price of \$165,000 to \$500,000.
- 15 of these are short sale.

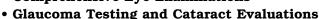


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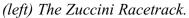
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(left, l-r) Volunteer Gardening Instructor Bob Markey and family members Emma Markowitz of High Bridge and Kathleen Markey Colver of NYC.



(above, l-r) Rahway Branch Director Gerry Gessie, Krystal R. Canady Chief Executive Officer Eastern Union County YMCA, NJ Secretary of Agriculture Doug Fisher, volunteer Gardening Instructor Bob Markey and John Ludington President of Board of Trustees of Eastern Union County YMCA.

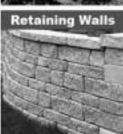
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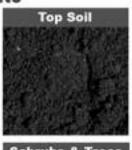
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(above, l-r) Steve Guinta with his wife and her sister, Gail, Dr. Mark Zientak, Brian Garland, Kim Cavarretta, Marianne Power, Betty and Walter Makarucha.



(above, seated, l-r) Bruce Traina, Diane Hepworth and Frank Filocoma, (standing, l-r) Dawn Petro, Frank Petro, Adriana Bayone, Tom Bayone, Armand Veneziano and Jerry Smith, Owen Kanzler.



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BUILDING BODIES AND COMMUNITY AT DIESEL TRAINING GROUNDS

Submitted by by Colin Gittens

On a recent Monday night, as on many other warm evenings, the front door to Diesel Training Grounds on Irving Street was propped open, and things were starting to happen. Several Brazilian ju-jitsu class members grappled on the mat, attempting to refine their sweep move. Other ambled in, some after the official start time, and they donned their gis and joined in. As the class progressed, a teenaged girl paused to watch through the window, then shyly approached the front door and asked if she could come in for a closer look. She sat and followed intently as the class went on, and before long asked about what was involved in joining.

For Javier Velez, the teacher/owner of Diesel Training, this evening was shaping up like a lot of others since the center opened, a reflection of both his philosophy and careful planning.

When a new person comes in, "regardless of skill, we take them in, take them under our wing and work with them," stressed the ever-smiling Velez. "What we've tried to create here is a community atmosphere."

Diesel Training offers personal instruction in strength and conditioning, athletic development, fitness training, and martial arts. The center offers a great variety of instructional options including minicamps, minigroups, one-on-one

instruction, and classes. Clients at the center range in age from 7 or 8 to nearly 60.

And the setting has been an essential part of getting those people to come in.

"I really felt that in order for the community to be more exposed to what we do, a storefront location on a main street would be better," Velez emphasized. "When you're off the beaten path, either you have be very well established or have a huge member base that knows exactly where you are."

So a year and a half ago, Velez opened shop in a storefront below the Park Square apartments at 1521 Irving Street, and so far this move has paid dividends. "A lot of the people that work with me also live in the building upstairs," he noted. Velez, himself is a Rahway resident.

Although Velez began Tae Kwon Do training at 9, and teaching at 21, his introduction to fighting began even before that. Although both his grandfather and father were amateur boxers, surprisingly it was his grandmother who showed him (at 6 years old) some rudimentary punches and jabs when he was being bullied.

And what began as a joke after shaving his head for the first time ("you look like that actor Vin Diesel!") has quickly become the name for one serious fitness center.



(above) Javier Velez, the teacher/owner of Diesel Training



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(above) Allen Jacobson stands in his no-frills showroom which is filled with the newest models of home appliances and the latest in flat-screen TVs.



(above) Allen and Pat Muscaritolo display one of those new fangled microwave ovens first introduced by Amana in 1967.

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Nathan and Mae Jacobson opened Jacobson's Distribution Company in December 1949. Originally the business was called Jacobson's Tire and Battery Company because in addition to selling TV's and appliances it also sold auto parts. The business stopped selling auto parts years ago and has concentrated on home appliances and TV's while adding bedding to the mix. Jacobson's is still at the same location, still family owned and operated and still the most successful distributor in the area.

Upon their retirement in 1975, Nathan and Mae passed the business on to their son Allen.

There is no secret to Jacobson's success. All one has to do is walk in to the show room and notice the vintage interior decorating. Shoppers are greeted with original tin ceiling tiles, dated wood paneling and scuffed floor tiles. It has never been Jacobson's style to try to impress its customers with superficial amenities but with the lowest warehouse to customer prices around.

By keeping his overhead low Jacobson's can offer discounted prices and concentrate more on service. For instance they can offer free delivery on appliances or free assembly of gas grills. When competing with the big mega-stores Jacobson's service cannot be matched.

For those shopping strictly for the lowest price Jacobson's guarantees to be the lowest of any authorized dealer. If he doesn't have the lowest price already, Allen will gladly beat any offer on any item he carries.

What makes Jacobson's operation unique is

the size of his warehouse that is on premises at 725 Rahway Avenue in Elizabeth and his staff. Allen is able to buy in bulk and keep a large inventory, a savings that is passed on to the consumer. He maintains his own delivery and warehouse staff where others must pay third party services.

Jacobson's also carries a wider variety of brands than most appliance stores. Customers have hands on access to a large selection of appliances that fill a variety of needs in price and size, from apartment dwellers to homeowners. Jacobson's is also the favorite for many home remodeling and building professionals.

The seasoned decor of the store is accompanied by a sales staff that matches in longevity. Pat Muscaritolo has been a sales person for Jacobson's an astounding 35 years. Ken Gartner clocks in at 31 years and newcomer Tarek Metwally has 19 years under his belt. The combined experience of the staff and Allen adds to the customer's feeling of security of knowing that they are getting expert advice and that they can count on continued support even after the sale is made.

The consistency of good service at low prices over the years is the reason for the loyalty that customers have shown Jacobson's. Allen has literally sold appliances to families spanning four generations. Return and referral business is a testimony to the value he offers. No one lasts for sixty years in business without an impeccable reputation of customer satisfaction.

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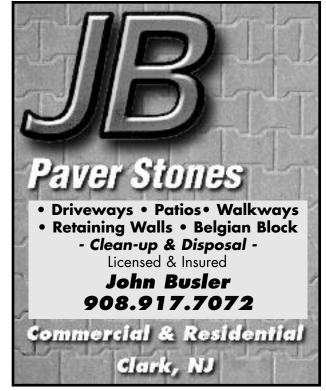


(above, l-r) Tarek Metwally, Pat Muscaritolo and Ken Gartner combine for 85 years of employment at Jacobson's.



(above, l-r) Pat, Linda Mzikovsky, Joan Dobson, Nathan Jacobson and Allen from a 1993 photo.

(left l-r) Jacobson's store front from 1959 and 2012. Being located in a designated Urban Enterprise Zone allows Jacobson's to charge only 3 1/2% sales tax, an additional savings for the customer.



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SUMMER SLACKENING LEADS TO BUSY FALL

Submitted by Colin Gittens, President of the Friends of the Rahway Public Library.



Colin Gittens

Summertime is a time to rest and recharge, to let slack the reins of everyday responsibilities, and to reinvigorate the mind with a good book or two. I recently had the good fortune to spend

a week away, and during that time, I managed to get through only part of one book (in my defense, it was a very thick one!). Fortunately, I still have a good portion of the summer in front of me to finish that one and take on others.

The Friends of the Library also recently took a little break from our usually scheduled meetings, opting instead for a backyard barbecue. Instead of settling financial accounts and reviewing meeting minutes, we spent a pleasant afternoon talking about vacations planned or taken, families and employment, and the state of the larger world.

It is this sort of camaraderie that makes the Friends such an enjoyable group to be a part of. We are a collection of diverse-minded individuals united by a love of books and belief in the mission of the library. And though we did not seriously discuss business or make plans, I know that our get together was helpful in bringing us together and will unify our efforts as the summer winds down and we get back into the planning and rhythms of events in the fall and winter.

And we do have plans. Our annual book sale, though seemingly far off in April 2013, is the biggest event we run, and requires continued volunteering efforts for several months leading up to it. And during the past few meetings, we have also discussed the possibility of running a big event in early February that would tie in to the schools and the community at large.

Although I can't say any more about it at this point (we'll be voting on whether or not to actually run this event at our August meeting), this event will require a good number of volunteers in order to run successfully. And,

importantly, the planning for it will need to begin now.

If you'd like to know more about this event and get in on the ground floor of planning, or if you would like to join a group of vibrant, civicminded individuals, please join us at the library on August 9. Future meetings will be held on the second Thursday of each month at 7 pm.

In the meantime, I wish you a restful, fun summertime, and look forward to meeting you—with your batteries fully charged!—at an upcoming meeting of the Friends of the Rahway Public Library.



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RAHWAY REMEMBERS KOOS BROS.

Submitted by Al Shipley, City historian and Rahway Library research consultant

"You could see what the furniture would look like in a room. No other store had that."

"Looking through the picture windows in the front of the store I remember the expensive leather furniture on display." "There was a fountain for tossing coins on one of the floors. I believe the money was collected for some charity. I remember I always wanted to stick my hand in the water and grab some change." "Koos had a cute restaurant that served really good food." "Sometime in the late 50's or early 60's Koos put a model home across from the back entrance. Every room was completely decorated. It was like walking into somebody's house!" "Friday and Saturday nights were so busy a policeman was on duty to cross shoppers from the huge parking lot into the store."

These are just a sample of the memories evoked when reminiscing with locals about the Koos Bros. furniture store that was located on St. Georges Avenue facing the Union County Park for over seventy years.

Koos opened on December 18, 1929 and advertised itself as "The First Home Furnishings Store in the Nation." The building they moved into had been built as a carriage factory in the 1800's and was later converted into the Superior Auto Body Shop. After Koos purchased the site several additions were made and by the midforties the size of the complex had increased to 100,000 square feet.

The business was going well and was approaching its eighteenth year when disaster struck in the early morning hours of Monday, June 23, 1947 when the building was completely destroyed in one of the biggest fires in Rahway's history. The devastating blaze, which was believed to have been caused by a lightning

strike, would have ended most businesses, but Charles Koos, President of the firm, was undaunted and before the ashes had cooled pledged to rebuild. His plans called for a new colonial style building with a stately façade. To prevent another similar tragedy, fire resistant materials would be used and a sprinkler system would be installed throughout the building. Construction began immediately and as improbable as it seems, Koos was ready to reopen in less than a year's time.

When the new store opened on Saturday, May 1, 1948 more than six thousand shoppers came to the event. The new Koos Bros. was a blocklong building, one-third larger than the former store making it the largest furniture store in the east boasting of 140,000 square feet of merchandise. The store was built to conform to the contour of the land so although there were five floors it was designed to alleviate the need for elevators. The most unique feature, however, was the individual, distinctive model room layouts. Customers could browse through rooms completely furnished and decorated in Eighteenth Century, Victorian, French Provincial and Modern motifs. There were rooms done in oak and maple, and rooms set up as youth bedrooms, nurseries, and outdoor patios. The store also featured twelve specialty shops displaying silver and china, lamps, appliances and carpeting. A Weiss Jewelry stand was located at the entrance.

Koos Bros. certainly had their customers in mind offering services not found in other stores at the time. The building was completely air—conditioned. A large auditorium room was

available without charge to clubs, churches and other organizations for meetings and parties. The auditorium was also used to hold "Bridal Shows," "Designer Forums," and a variety of entertainment venues. A child care room was on the premises so moms could drop off the kids and be free to shop. The Colonial Restaurant offered refreshments for the tired shopper and on special sale days hosted a free breakfast to customers. Koos employed a staff of over one hundred ensuring that sales persons would always be on hand to guarantee customer service. The finance department offered a "10% Down and Up to Two Years to Pay" plan. There was free parking for over one thousand cars. For the convenience of shoppers the store was open Monday through Saturday until 9:30 P. M.

In 1955 Koos Bros opened a branch store in Sea Girt and would later open branches in Parsippany and Freehold. In the late 1960's the business reorganized and the store name was changed to Huffman–Koos, a name it would use for the next thirty years.

All good things must end and by the 1990's the business was facing problems that would eventually lead to its closing. Many furniture warehouse stores were cropping up along the highways and the malls creating more competition.

Sadly, in the early part of 2000, Huffman–Koos closed its doors. The grand, white structure that had been a popular and respected landmark in the community was ultimately razed. The property was soon thereafter developed and is now the site of the Park Terrace Apts.



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	Bailey's Irish Creme 750ml\$1999
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Hennessy 1.75lt	. \$5999
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Paul Masson VS 1.75lt	. \$1999
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Absolut 750ml	. \$1899
Absolut 1.75lt	. \$2999
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Ciroc (All Types) 1.75lt	. \$ 55 99
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Smirnoff 750ml	\$1099
Smirnoff 1.75lt	. \$1999
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GIN Bombay Sapphire 1.75lt	\$ 17 99
RUM	
Bacardi Lt, Gold, Select 1.75lt	\$ 19 99
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Malibu 750ml	\$16 ⁹⁹
Malibu 1.75lt	\$ 24 ⁹⁹
WHISKEY	
Ballantine Finest 1.75lt	\$ 28 ⁹⁹
Canadian Club 1.75lt	
Canadian Mist 1.75lt	
Chivas Regal 12 Year 750ml	\$2999
Chivas Regal 12 Year 1.75lt	\$4999
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Dewar's White Label 750ml	\$1999
Dewar's White Label 1.75lt	\$2999
Dewar's 12 Year 750ml	\$2999
Dewar's 12 Year 1.75lt	\$4999
Gentleman Jack 750ml	\$ 26 ⁹⁹
Gentleman Jack 1.75lt	\$4999
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Grant's 1.75lt	\$ 23 ⁹⁹
Jack Daniel's Black 750ml	\$ 21 99
Jack Daniel's Black 1.75lt	\$ 40 99
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Johnnie Walker Black 750ml	\$3199
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Johnnie Walker Red 750ml	\$ 19 99
Johnnie Walker Red 1.75lt	\$3199
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Maker's Mark 1.75lt	\$ 46 99
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TEQUILA	

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Avion Silver 750ml	\$3699
El Jimador Reposado 100% Agave Tequ	ila
(#1 Selling Tequila in Mexico) 750ml	\$1999
El Jimador Reposado 1.75lt	
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