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

Shortly after World War I, a site was chosen for the location of a memorial monument to be dedicated to the local boys who fought and died in "The War to End All Wars." A prominent spot on one of the city's main roads was desired, and without too much debate, the triangle on St. Georges Avenue, Pierpont Street and Forbes Street was selected. A four pillared granite monument was soon erected listing the names of the eleven soldiers who made the Supreme Sacrifice. Eleven red oaks were also planted on the west side of Riverside Park (Veterans Field) from the baseball diamond to the entrance at the top of the hill.

Two years after the outbreak of World War II, the city erected a "Wall of Honor" board listing the names of 1,200 Rahway men and women serving in the armed forces. The unveiling ceremony took place on July 11, 1943. Located next to the old City Hall on Campbell Street, at 6' X 25', it was reported to be "one of the most imposing honor boards in the State of New Jersey." By the war's end, the board contained 2,400 names.

On Friday, May 30, 1947, a Memorial Tree Grove in the Union County Park was dedicated. Along with a plaque naming the fifty-eight Rahway boys killed during World War II, trees were planted in memory of each soldier. Several thousand people attended the ceremonies. The Memorial Grove and plaque was funded by the citizens and veterans of Rahway and Rahway Chapter 6, American War Dads.

In 1950, a monument for the World War II soldiers was placed on the triangle next to the World War I monument.

A Korean War monument, listing the five Rahway soldiers who died in that conflict, was dedicated in 1958 and placed on the same triangle of land which by this time had become too small to properly display the important markers. Besides the space problem, traffic on St. Georges was heavier and noisier making the site inadequate for memorial services or private reflections.



Rahway's Memorial Day Parade will be held on Sunday, May 27th.

The Parade will step off at 1:30 pm in front of City Hall (Main St. & E. Milton Ave.) to Pierpont then Elm and proceed down Irving Street turning onto Main Street concluding at City Hall.

In the early part of the 1960s, a larger, more central location was acquired and the monuments were moved to the southeast corner of St. Georges and Grand, site of the former mansion estate of William Craig Squier.

Since that time, a memorial was added for the eighteen Vietnam veterans who gave their lives for their country. A monument was also placed on Grand Avenue and Washington Street by East Rahway residents remembering the seventeen boys from that neighborhood killed in all wars since World War I.

Most recently, in 2006, a Purple Heart monument was unveiled paying tribute to "All men and women wounded in all our wars."

It has also been the practice in Rahway to name new streets after the fallen heroes. To date, forty-two streets are named to honor soldiers.

Our city's Veteran groups hold services at Memorial Park (St. Georges and Grand site) each Memorial Day and Veterans Day. These are fitting ceremonies to pay tribute to the memory of these brave young men and women of Rahway.

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Message from the President

THE SUN NEVER APPEARED BUT THE LOVE SURE DID FLOW Rahway Day.....it will become an annual event

I was so pleased with the overwhelming success of our Chamber sponsored May 5th Rahway Day celebration. Over 50 long tables stretched from the Library lobby outside to Library Plaza, then lining the memorial crescent as well as up and down the service walks. Tables were hosted by a marvelous cross section of our community. We had a wonderful sampling of our town's churches, big and small businesses, Rahway's Public Schools, our Mayor, clubs and non-profits, City Council, City Departments and Commissions and we even had Cub Scout Pack # 47 and our High School Robotics Club.

Rahway Day helped showcase our town's state of the art library facility as well as helping to promote the Friends of the Library and their same day super-fun scavenger hunt, the "Race Around Rahway". There was something for all ages and the kids in attendance had lots to hold their interest especially enjoying our city's antique fire truck, great face-painting, kid's tennis, the Moon Bounce and the ever popular ice cream and food vendors.

Of special note was the entertainment. As Rahway resident and artist extraordinaire Marcel Truppa exclaimed "it was fabulous". Nearly four hours of live music and dance anchored in the morning by Rahway's sensational husband and wife jazz duo Karickter and then our afternoon music anchor Rahway's very own nationally known blues guitarist and singer, Junior Mack. In between songs, performances were provided by Rahway Valley Jerseyaires, students from our High School's Music Department, Rahway Dance Theatre, Middle School Step Team and a special guest star appearance by Broadway's Tap Dancing sensation Maurice Chestnut.

It's guestimated that close to one thousand people attended the first Rahway Day on that overcast and drizzly day. I heard not one angry word, rather I saw faces smiling and happy.....there was love in the air and you could feel it. As we begin soon to plan for next year's Rahway Day, let us try hard to capture again this first celebration's caring and accepting spirit. Rather than separating us, our diversity was shown to be one of our city's greatest strengths.

Bob Markey

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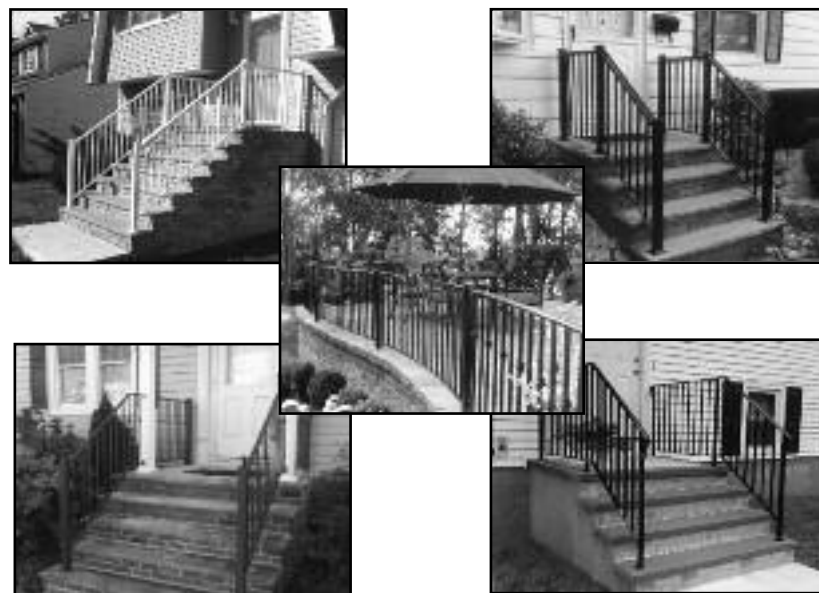
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FRANKLIN STUDENTS GO GREEN

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On Friday, April 27, 2012 the kindergarten classes at Franklin Elementary School in Rahway hosted their "Go Green" grade level showcase. The children sang songs about keeping the earth clean. Parents were invited to come and help their child plant a flower in celebration of Earth Day. Miss Lindsay Lerner's students were proud of their hard work.



(above, srstanding, l-r) Kaylin Carbajal, Andy Mendez, Miguel Gutierrez, Dennicy Mota. (seated, l-r) Emmanuel Hernandez- Ortiz, Justin Bonilla, Kevin Cruz, Gustavo Garcia.

4TH GRADERS GROWING IN KNOWLEDGE

Students in Mrs. Prakapas' 4th grade class at Roosevelt School in Rahway recently started a science unit called Structures of Life. From the first investigation the children learned seeds are diverse and common, seeds change and grow when supplied with water, and seeds are alive.



(above) Mrs. Prakapas and her fourth graders are anxious to witness germination in their class sprouter.

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(above, r-l) Mayor Rick Proctor presented Bob Gering with a plaque at Rahway Senior Center.

MONTH OF THE YOUNG CHILD



(above) Mayor Rick Proctor looks on as members of Merck's Kindergarten class planted flowers they donated at the Rahway Senior Center with the help of the Rahway Senior Center Garden Club in recognition of Month of the Young Child.

ROBERT B. GERING – SENIOR OF THE YEAR 2011

Rahway Mayor Rick Proctor is pleased to announce that Robert Gering has been selected as Outstanding Rahway Senior Citizen of the Year for 2011. This is the City's 15th year to recognize an outstanding senior citizen.

Bob lived in Rahway his entire life and was a graduate of Rahway High School.

After high school Bob joined the Navy and was stationed for four years on a destroyer during the Korean War. When he returned to Rahway he obtained a job at the Rahway Water Department and he stayed there till he retired 37 years later. He has been a very active member of many charitable organizations.

He has been a member of the Knights of Columbus for 57 years and is currently a 4th Degree Knight. He has also held the positions of Grand Knight of the Council and Navigator.

He collects old eyeglasses which the Knights repair and donate to Eyes for the Needy. Since 1965 he has assisted with the Order of Alhambra where he helps disabled children. He has been a member of the Catholic War Veterans since 1952 and served as Commander for 6 years. Since 1959 he has been a member of the American

Legion and frequently visits and runs bingos for veterans in hospitals.

Bob always participates in Rahway's Memorial Day Parade and has been a member of the Veterans' Central Committee for many years. He is also a member of the Rahway Retired Men's Club and the Tin Can Sailors, an organization for sailors assigned to destroyers.

Bob is also very involved with St. Mary's (Divine Mercy) Church. He has been a member of the Holy Name Society since 1946 and is an usher on Sundays. These are some of the numerous reasons why Robert Gering has been chosen as Outstanding Rahway Senior Citizen of the Year for 2011.

The purpose of this award is to publicly recognize and honor a Rahway Senior Citizen who has displayed exceptional service to the community. Bob was presented with a Resolution at the City of Rahway Council meeting on April 9, 2012. The Board of Trustees of the Rahway Senior Center chooses the recipient of this annual award. Rahway Senior Services is a Division of the City of Rahway Health & Senior Services.

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Dear Family, Friends and Community,

My name is Alisha Griffin. My parents are Allan and Keisha Griffin. We live in Rahway, New Jersey. I am 12 years old and a 7th Grade student at Rahway Middle School in Rahway, New Jersey. I love to read and draw in my spare time. I play three instruments; the alto saxophone, baritone saxophone and the cello. I am a member of the Symphonic Band, Orchestra, Jazz Band and Wind Ensemble at Rahway Middle School. In addition, I

am a student and volunteer teacher at Sovereign Martial Arts in Rahway, working toward becoming a Junior Black belt this June.

My future goal is to become a Zoologist. I have been accepted as a People to People Student Ambassador to visit Australia in the summer of 2012. I will be traveling with a group of delegation of kids my age, led by experienced teachers.

Our journey will take us to historical sites, famous landmarks, and unique cultural experiences. We'll even get to see Koala Bears and

Kangaroos up close! Along the way, we'll be eating some interesting local foods, like vegemite and crocodile stew. Our 3 week travel route goes through Australia's vast landscape. It's going to be a whirlwind tour.

The cost of the Australia trip is \$7,500. I am paying own my way by raising money for the program. I've begun fund raising by collecting old cell phones and now I am reaching out to friends, family, and local businesses for donations. I am looking for partners and sponsors to help me complete my fund raising goal. As a sponsor, you will be giving me the chance to get closer to my dreams.

Would you be willing to help sponsor my trip? Any amount will help me reach my goal!

All sponsors will be recognized for their support. To make a monetary donation online, please check out my Pay Your Way webpage, at www.peerbackers.com under my page name: Alisha's Australia Trip or please send checks to: Alisha Griffin, 891 Jaques Avenue, Rahway, NJ 07065. If you have any questions, please contact my mom, Keisha Griffin at 732-423-8063 or by email at alishasaustraliatrip@gmail.com.

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Earl Holland was raised close to the railroad tracks on Inman Avenue in Edison Township at what was then known as Potter's Crossing. Earl fondly remembers that early childhood living in a rustic home with his mom and dad and siblings. "It was real country back then. That cluster of simple bungalows at Potter's Crossing was a wonderful spot to grow up at. We were really out in the country then yet only 15 minutes by bus from Rahway and Plainfield. There were few homes back then, mostly fields and woods. Our families had large gardens and we played outside without care. It was a real close community" remarked Earl.

Earl moved to Linden where he graduated High School and then headed south attending Virginia State University. Earl was a natural when it came to mathematics and attributes his prowess on the pool table to his fascination with geometry. Earl is a nationally ranked pool amateur.

Earl and his wife have made their home in Linden for many years and have three grown children, two sons and one daughter. Earl chose Rahway for his business location fourteen years ago and owns the building where his Irving Street shop is located. Manny Ramirez, a loyal ten year customer, remarked "I come to Earl because it's a good place to get a haircut and the service is so good. Earl even has a piano in the shop that you can play if you feel like it" remarked Mr. Ramirez. Earl's Cuts and Curls is located at 1673 Irving Street, in the Downtown Arts District in Rahway, and Earl can be contacted at telephone 732 381 0022.



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High School Students from Strong, Powered, Inspirational Teens (SPIT) Initiated a Program to Reduce Youth's Access to Alcohol through Educating Adult Providers

Prevention Links sponsors a positive youth initiative at Rahway High School (RHS) for Juniors and Seniors called Strong, Powered, Inspirational Teens (SPIT). The program is designed to enhance positive characteristics in young people, illustrate the importance of community involvement, instill professional values and the commitment to a healthy lifestyle

as well as information regarding substance abuse prevention.

Join us in keeping Rahway's youth alcohol free and more about SPIT's initiative to reduce underage drinking on Saturday, May 12th from 10 A.M.-12 P.M. at various locations in Rahway. This is a community awareness campaign designed to educate persons 21 years of age and older who might illegally purchase alcohol and provide it to minors. The Keep It Legal Campaign seeks to increase awareness and compliance of the current New Jersey underage

drinking laws.

The youth participating in Project Sticker Shock will visit four (4) participating stores:

(Rahway Liquors, 10-10:30 A.M., Butch Kowal Liquors Store, 10:30-11 A.M., Witty's Liquors, 11-11:30 A.M., Beverage Shop, 11:30-12 P.M.) and place "Keep It Legal" stickers that display a warning message about the penalties for providing alcohol to anyone under 21 on beer cases, wine coolers and other alcohol products that might appeal to young drinkers. By participating in this project, youth throughout the city are taking a proactive stand against underage drinking and related problems.

The project represents a partnership among youth, liquor store owners, concerned parents, community members, prevention professionals, and law enforcement. It is a great project for youth groups, faith-based groups, school-based groups or any group interested in preventing underage drinking.

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(above) Students from Mrs. Kropoth's Kindergarten class.

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Thanks to the Rahway Foundation For Excellence In Education, the first grade students at Franklin Elementary School in Rahway received a grant to purchase Phonics Phones. The students use these phones during reading to help them hear the words as they read aloud. Using the phones also helps them build their confidence in reading. In their free time, the students continue to select a book from the library and use the phones to enhance their reading skills.

The Rahway Foundation For Excellence In Education is a non profit organization that awards grants to teachers for developing timely, innovative and creative projects that enrich the educational process of the Rahway Public School children. Educators in all six of Rahway's public schools are eligible to submit grant applications each fall and spring. Grants are awarded competitively based upon quality and educational components. Projects funded address academic, developmental and social issues specific to the desire and needs in the Rahway Public Schools. The Foundation sponsors a series of fund raising campaigns throughout the year receiving donations from corporations, local businesses and individuals. Every contribution made is an investment in

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PRINCIPAL FOR THE DAY



(above) Mariah Amorim, principal for the day, busy at work.

Mariah Amorim, a kindergarten student at Franklin Elementary School in Rahway, was elected to be Principal for the Day for the month of April. Mariah's duties included checking emails and making rounds throughout the building. She was treated to lunch by the principal, Mrs. Robinson. She proudly wore her shirt which read, "Today the Principal - Tomorrow the President."



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Submitted by Raymond Candilor District Manager of Operations

The 2009 Referendum Project for the Rahway Public Schools is moving closer to completion each day! Although significant work has been performed in all schools, the three major projects involve Grover Cleveland Elementary, Rahway Middle School, and Rahway High School. All schools now have updated Fire Alarm Systems, and secure vestibules/entries.

At Rahway Middle School, the projects include a completely new heating system and air conditioned classrooms, as well as six state-of-the-art Science Labs. Also included are four small group instruction rooms, a new nurse's suite, and an art room.

At Grover Cleveland Elementary, a new addition was added, housing ten additional classrooms, new music suite, computer lab, and media center. In the existing building two classrooms were completely renovated, and a new nurse's suite and main office were also added.

The third jewel of the "triple crown" is the project at our "flagship", Rahway Senior High School. At this location we are completely

renovating all eight science labs, complete with a new window system for that wing. Our two Family and Consumer Science Kitchen/labs have been completely overhauled and are in use. The Performing Arts Addition is well underway! This wing will include new music and chorus rooms, a piano lab, a dance studio, and a drama classroom. Completing this project will be the new auditorium and stage.

The children and community of Rahway will benefit greatly from this referendum project for many years to come!



(above) New Rear Elevation of Grover Cleveland Elementary School.



(above) New Science Lab at Rahway Middle School.



(above) New Entry for the Performing Arts Wing at Rahway High School.



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PROM DRESS FASHION SHOW

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(left, l-r) Rahway High School student volunteers Camilla Aluquerque, Andre Marques, Emily Gottlick, Keston Franklin and Rocio Merino model gowns and formal wear during the annual Fashion Show and Prom Dress Giveaway on April 27.



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(above, l-r) Donna & Chris owners of the Waiting Room.



(above, l-r) Rahway Dance Students Jeanette & Bailey.



(above, l-r) Retired Men's Club Michael A. Chirichella, Gerry Kelly, John R Klandt, Irv Hyatt.



(above) Emmanuel Victor, Pro Tennis Instructor with Patricia Aylward, Dashawn Blakley, Quintin McDonald, Matthew Allen.



(above) Spider Girl Aniya, age 5



(above) Juggler: Maryjane Finne, Rahway High School with grandmother Hannah Panesso.



(above) Captive Free promotion.



(above) Cube Smart Allison Tuttle

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STUDENTS VISIT KEAN AND ELIZABETHTOWN GAS

Rahway Students Envision Their Futures while Visiting Kean and Elizabethtown Gas

Recently, twenty-nine students from Rahway High School were taken on a unique journey that linked education and career. In the spirit of establishing a ten-year plan, students in the World Class Students Program were given a tour of Kean University and Elizabethtown Gas. The World Class Students Program is a joint venture sponsored by the Rahway High School Guidance Department and Elizabethtown Gas Company. This program utilizes the Learn More Now, Do More Now, Earn More Later Student Achievement System (www.LearnDoEarn.org), a national initiative managed by the New Jersey Chamber of Commerce Foundation

Kean University's trip included a presentation by the dean of students, a tour of the college grounds, and lunch in the campus cafeteria. Interaction with university student ambassadors was particularly inspiring.

This visit was followed by an exploration of Elizabethtown Gas Company's corporate operations. Mr. Timothy Williams, Manager of Community Outreach for Elizabethtown Gas

Mid-Atlantic Region, introduced the students to various personnel. Students were given a lesson from an engineer, listened in on customer service calls, learned how to find gas leaks, and discussed meter reading with employees from that department.

Malik Jeter, a junior at Rahway said the trip "made me look at my future. Before this, I was not sure about whether to go to college or to imagine that I would work for a company like Elizabethtown Gas, but now I know I can do something significant with my future." Another junior, Kelsey Williams, found that the visit to Kean "helped inform me more about the qualifications for getting into Kean and other colleges, which helps me to prioritize myself more to get into the college of my choice."

According to Mr. Zech, a Rahway High School guidance counselor and club sponsor, "It is our intention to continue to instill in our students' minds the understanding that the link between education and career is vital to success. Future trips will be designed to establish and concretize our students' ten year plan."



(above) Kelsey Williams discusses her experiences on the Rahway High School World Class Students' field trip to Elizabethtown Gas with guidance counselor and club sponsor, Robert Zech.

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(above) Science teachers tour Covanta Energy's Union County Resource Recovery Facility in anticipation of a student field trip.

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BOOK SALE HITS THE BIG TIME

The Friends of the Rahway Public Library held their annual book sale April 18-21, and the event proved to be a great success. Financially, it was the most rewarding sale so far, with nearly \$2000 raised. These monies will be used to supplement the library's existing municipal funding, and will applied to requests from staff for support of extra programs and materials that help bolster the library's position as a resource and a center of our community.

The sale was also helpful in attracting new patrons into our great facility, and in introducing folks to our town. Many out-of-town book dealers come to the sale each year to find undiscovered gems among the many titles we offer, and many other visitors from towns near and far simply cannot resist the bargains when books are priced so inexpensively.

In addition, the sale was hugely helpful in letting people know about the Friends of the Library organization. Like those bargain hunters I mentioned earlier, we too love books, and share a love of knowledge and learning. We'd love to have more like-minded individuals join us. The book sale is an enormous undertaking, with preparations, planning, sorting, and lugging



(above) A young customer test reads before purchasing.

taking place in the 5 months before the sale actually happens. Even though all this can be a lot of work, it is a lot of fun too—join us and see!

Finally, we'd like to thank everyone who contributed books, CDs, DVDs, and other materials for the sale. The library benefits from your generosity, and we greatly appreciate that. And though it may seem too early to be thinking about this right now, your donations will again be most welcome in 9 or so months—just in time for next year's sale!

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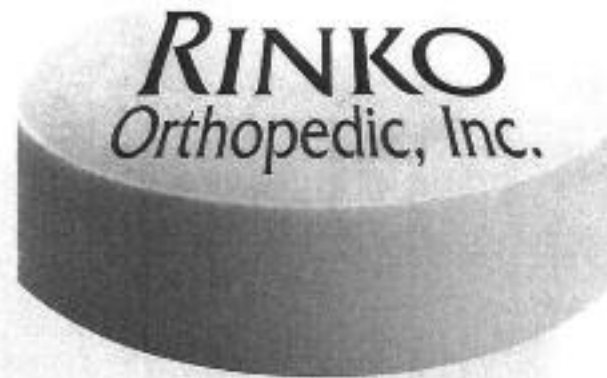
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CHICKEN EGGS HATCH AT FRANKLIN SCHOOL

Recently farmers from Quiver Farms came to Franklin Elementary School in Rahway for their annual chick hatching project. The students learned many things including how to take care of the eggs in the absence of the Mother Hen and Father Rooster. Students in Miss Lindsay Lerner's class were very excited when all 12 of their eggs hatched.



(left) *Dennicy Mota and Kaylin Carbajal were excited to pet and help name the newborn chicks!*



(above) *Andy Mendez, Gustavo Garcia, and Kevin Cruz are excited to pet the chicks!*



(left) *Gianna Rettino, a first grader, came to visit the chicks.*



READY, SET...GROW!

Get your plants off to a good start this season. Give them what they require to stay healthy; proper sun, shade, soil, water and fertilizer. Read the directions on the label and follow it. Healthy plants make a happy gardener.

The first thing you can do for your plant is to transplant it well. Purchase your plants the day before you plan to put them in the ground. Give your new plants a good soaking the day before and you will lessen the amount of transplant shock they suffer.

Protect your investment of both time and money by giving each plant the care it needs. If your plants are root bound (roots are in a tight mass) gently break roots apart at the bottom. This will allow the roots to grow apart to absorb water and nutrients. Don't skip mulching. It has many benefits for your plants and landscape. Even flower pots can be mulched.

No insects in the world are more beautiful than butterflies, and they are easy to attract into your own garden. My favorite flower for attracting butterflies is Lantana. A tender perennial in this area, we treat it as an annual. Lantana is available in yellow, orange and purple, as well as mixed color flower heads. They do very well in a pot on the patio or in the garden in full sun. The more sun, the better they will flower.

Lantanas are butterfly magnets. They can't



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

pass them by without stopping for a snack.

If you want a blast of color in your shade garden plant Impatiens. These low growing annuals come in a wide assortment of colors, red, white and many shades of pink and purple. Planted in mass, either in the ground or in pots, Impatiens will brighten your yard, even under trees. These flowers thrive best if you never allow them to dry out. Plant Impatiens in rich moist soil, and remember to water early every day. They will flower freely until the first frost in late September.

Happy Gardening.

"Rahway Garden Club Meets Thursday, May 17th at 7:00pm at Rahway Library. Free. Learn the favorite flower winner of "Vote for Rahway's Flower Contest."

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