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## 2011 HOLIDAY EVENTS!

### Tree Lighting

Friday, November 25  
Time: 7 p.m.  
Where: City Hall Plaza  
Featuring Rahway High School band and Chorus; photos with Santa in Recreation Center immediately following

### Holiday Craft Show and Pet Market

Friday, November 25  
Time: 5 – 9 p.m.  
Saturday, November 26  
Time: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
Pet Photos with Santa Saturday, noon – 2 p.m.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT

On a recent Saturday, 25 students from the Rahway High School Social Action Club joined community members, the Rahway River Association and members of Cub Scout Pack 30 from St. John the Apostle School in Clark for the fourth annual fall cleanup of Milton Lake Park in Rahway. The RHS Social Action Club, under the leadership of adviser and English/Journalism teacher Elizabeth Graner Jotz, concentrates its efforts on environmental concerns. The club recently made headlines for the Water Champions Program, a collaborative effort among the Rahway High School students, AmeriCorps, Rutgers University Water Resources Program and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.



(above) Members of the RHS Social Action Club join scouts from Cub Scout Pack 30 at the fourth annual Milton Lake Cleanup on October 8.

## CUB SCOUTS CLEAN UP PARK AFTER STORM FOR VET'S DAY

On Saturday, November 5th, 2011, Cub Scout Pack 47 of Rahway, their parents and siblings, met at Veteran's Memorial Park on Grand Avenue. Armed with rakes and saws, everyone worked hard to clean all of the debris from the freak October storm.

The park clean up is an annual event, conducted twice a year in the Fall and the Spring. The boys are proud to be a part of keeping our town beautiful and making sure that the park is clean for the Veteran's Day ceremony on November 11th.



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## **Message from the President**

### **HOW READY ARE WE FOR THE NEXT POWER FAILURE ?**

*How'd we'd do if it lasted 2 weeks in January ?*

As I write this month's message, it's been nearly two weeks since that freak Northeast snowstorm of Saturday, October 29th and there are still thousands of homes without electric power in New England. Fortunately for most, autumn temperatures have been mostly above freezing which protected us all from even greater stresses and hardships and perhaps even catastrophe.

This has been a year of record breaking firsts for Rahway. Off the charts: heat; rain; snow; an earthquake and a devastating flood. My sense is that we best fasten our weather seatbelts as these extremes may become closer to the norm.

For a number of years now I've been trying to consider the consequences of a natural or manmade disaster if it came during a January deep freeze and knocked out our region's electric grid for an extended period of time. Your heat won't work, the gas station can't pump gasoline, running water stops as the emergency backup generators at United Water run out of fuel, our hospital struggles to provide even basic medical services and on and on.....Oh My Gosh!

I believe that our best strategy to deal with the possibility of some major debacle is to plan and prepare and try to become much more self sufficient. As for me, during the year I stock up my larder at home buying non-perishables like soups when they're on sale in October and then the following October I'll buy them again and gift last year's extras at Christmas to Food for Friends. I'm buying a generator and will store some fuel so that I can keep some basics like my furnace and refrigerator operating a few hours a day. I'm buying extra batteries and candles and lamps and of course potable water....and the list goes on.

Living life in our densely populated area is so dependent on the things that we take for granted; the things that come so easily and operate at the touch of a button, the turn of a key or the flick of a switch. Folks living out in the country are much more accustomed to roughing it and doing without and they're much more prepared than us city folks. Let this last "freak snowstorm" remind each of us that all life is fragile; that we are all part of a larger family and in this world together and that we need as individuals to rely upon our own wits and actions and remember that government can only help us if we first help ourselves.

*Bob Markey*

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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.

Monday, November 14, Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, December 6,

Pre-Meeting Conference

Monday, December 12, Regular Meeting

## 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, November 15,

Regular Board Meeting

Tuesday, December 13, Monthly Caucus

## 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, November 21

## RAHWAY ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. at Rahway City Hall (2nd floor conference room)

Thursday, December 8, 2011

## 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, October 18

## PARKING AUTHORITY

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

Tuesday, November 22

## PLANNING BOARD

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

Tuesday, November 29

## RAHWAY CENTER PARTNERSHIP

Meetings are held at 7 p.m. at Café at UCPAC, 1601 Irving Street. Please call (732) 396-3545 for any inquiries.

Check for meetings; [www.cityofrahway.com/rahway\\_center\\_partnership.htm](http://www.cityofrahway.com/rahway_center_partnership.htm)

## NEWARK MUSEUM TRIP

The City of Rahway Division of Senior Services is hosting a bus trip to The Newark Museum, Newark, N.J. on Friday, December 2, 2011. This trip includes bus transportation, museum admission and a 1 hour guided tour of the Quilting Exhibit, Patchwork from Folk Art to Fine Art. The bus will leave from the Senior Center on Esterbrook Avenue at 11:15 a.m. and return at approximately 3:00 p.m. The cost is \$12.00 and there will be no refunds after November 23, 2011. For trip information please call 732-827-2016.

## ESTATE ATTORNEY

The County of Union Division on Aging has on its staff an experienced Estate Attorney who will be coming to the Rahway Senior Center on December 6, 2011. He will review any existing powers of attorney, advanced medical directives or wills or prepare new documents at no charge. If interested, please call (732)827-2016 to set up an appointment.

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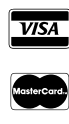
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### WHO SAYS NOTHING IS SELLING?

Although it is a difficult real estate market in our town; it is as well in most of our country. The good news is that homes are selling, there are some great values here in Rahway and mortgage interest rates with some lenders are below 4%.

The Garden State Multiple Listing Service reports that we have about 185 single family homes for sale in town and that we have had over 130 sales and closings this year to date. Today's average one family sale price is approximately \$221,000.



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## CHILDREN'S GHOST STORY NIGHT AT TAVERN

The Merchants and Drovers Tavern Museum Association (MDTMA) will once again host their very popular Children's Ghost Story Night at the Tavern on Saturday, November 19th with three tours, the first beginning at 6 p.m. All children from ages 6 through 14 are invited to step back in time to the early 1800's to hear true tales of ghostly happenings in an era of candlelit taverns and stagecoach inns. Parents are also welcome to join this eerie, but fun and exciting family event at the 215 year old Rahway landmark. Visitors will be guided by "ghosts" of innkeepers and travelers past through the period rooms to hear about local, mysterious legends, and perhaps witness supernatural events that cannot be explained.

Anne Hoener, MDTMA trustee and event chairperson stated that "Before the advent of TV and the telephone stagecoach inns and taverns were the communication hub of each town, and very often the location of local legends and mystery. Hosting this event in a real 18th century inn and telling the ghostly tales of real travelers of long ago allows our organization to present historical programs that are both educational and entertaining for all ages."

Tours for the November 19th event will be

held every hour beginning at 6, 7 and the last beginning at 8 p.m., and reservations are required. They can easily be made by calling Alex Shipley, at: 732-381-0441. Refreshments will be available to all the hungry "ghosthunters". The fee is \$5 for children (ages 6 through 14), and \$7 for accompanying adults. Interested participants are encouraged to call early due to the increasing popularity of this twice-annual event.

The Merchants and Drovers Tavern Museum Association is dedicated to preserving the Merchants and Drovers Tavern (c. 1795), the Terrill Tavern (c. 1735), developing the site as a tavern inn museum and to interpreting the important role played by taverns and inns in early American history; to provide a regional education, cultural and historic resource; and to preserve local history. The museum building, located at St. Georges Avenue (Rt. 27) and Westfield Avenue, is recorded in the Historic American Buildings Survey and listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

To learn more about the Museum's exhibits, guided tours, events and openings go to: [www.merchantsanddrovers.org](http://www.merchantsanddrovers.org), or call 732-381-0441.



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The UCEDC, a non-profit economic development corporation, can now loan up to \$250,000 to small businesses throughout New Jersey, thanks to its recent designation as a SBA 7(a) Community Advantage (CA) Lender. The CA program, currently offered by only 30 lenders throughout the US, is designed to encourage business growth in under-served communities.

"This is a great addition to our portfolio of loan products" says Ellen McHenry, senior director of financial programs. "The streamlined application process makes it easier than ever for busy business owners."

While the program is open to all small businesses, regardless of their location, UCEDC is committed to fulfilling the Community

Advantage mission. "We want to reach small businesses that might otherwise fall through the financing cracks - those that are located in low to moderate income areas, for example, or start-ups with less than two years of operational history," says McHenry. 7(a) loans can fund your small business plans.

Other program priorities include:

- Businesses located in HUB Zones, Empowerment Zones and Enterprise Communities
- Veteran-owned businesses
- Businesses in which more than 50% of the full-time work force is low income or lives in low-moderate income census tracts

Funds can be used for a wide variety of purposes including working capital;

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furniture/fixtures, machinery and equipment; land acquisition, construction and renovation; business acquisition; and refinancing for compelling reasons. Interest rates are set at Prime + 4% - 6% based on operational history and for terms that depend on the use of the funds.

In addition to the 7(a) program, UCEDC continues to offer microloans and business growth fund loans. "Applicants shouldn't worry about deciding which program to apply for - we'll find the right for their business needs," says McHenry.

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The Rahway Garden Club meets Thursday, November 17 at 7:pm till 8:30pm at the Rahway Public Library, 2 City Hall Plaza. The meeting is free and open to the public.

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

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TEDDY ROOSEVELT

On October 27th Roosevelt School in Rahway celebrated the birthday of their namesake, Teddy Roosevelt. The Roosevelt School PTA treated everyone to an ice cream party.



*(above) Third graders celebrating and working on a puzzle; Kailey Beckford, Gianna Muschiatti, and Julie Schroeder.*

## ACTS OF KINDNESS

With the latest anti-bullying law in effect, Roosevelt School in Rahway, took part in "Week of Respect". The school has geared up to teach students about preventing harassment, intimidation and bullying throughout the week. The initiative is mandated by the new law, which was signed in January, and is considered by many to be the toughest legislation for bullying prevention in the nation. One of the many activities was a Grades 3-5 poster contest. (Acts of Kindness). Students designed Acts of Kindness posters which are hanging up around the school.



*(above) Fifth grade winner Steven Cuenca.*

## COOPER THE HEN GOES TO SCHOOL

First grade students at Franklin Elementary School in Rahway were in for a special treat when they got a visit from 'Cooper' the hen. Students learned all about hens and how to care for a pet when they read the story, 'Dan's Pet' by Alma Flor Ada. The story is about a baby chick that grows up to be a big hen that lays eggs and then has more baby chicks. After reading the story, Mrs. Gail Andrews, a first grade teacher at the school brought in her pet hen, 'Cooper' and visited all of the first grade classrooms in order to make a science connection with the story. Students were very excited and loved meeting Cooper.



*(above) Mrs. Andrews and Cooper with Kylie Callender, Caleb Santos and Kayla Fleurantin from Ms. Jennifer Ward's first grade class.*

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## RHS ALUMNI AWARD



Former Mayor John Marsh (right) presents "Man of the Year" plaque to Barry Henderson (left) at the 4th Annual RHS Alumni Celebration Dinner Dance held on Friday, September 23, 2011 at The Gran Centurions in Clark. The inscription reads:

"The Rahway H.S. Alumni Committee's Man of the Year Award Presented to Barry Henderson In recognition of your outstanding contribution to Rahway High School sports and your lifelong dedicated service to the City of Rahway and State of New Jersey. 4th Annual RHS Alumni Celebration 9-23-2011"

## READING HOMERUNS

This year, Rahway's elementary students will be scoring "Reading Homeruns" for their Superintendent, Mr. Edward Yergalonis. Each book that they read counts as a "homer". Franklin Elementary School has pledged 22,000 runs. Each month will be considered an inning and totals will be posted at the end of the month.



(above) Franklin School's Principal, Mrs. Arina Robinson and Rahway's Superintendent, Mr. Edward Yergalonis with some Franklin School students, Joel, Ja Mier, Ayanna, Natalia, Jayson and Kaitlyn to kick off challenge.

## HEADS UP FOR SAFETY

The Epilepsy Foundation of NJ recently visited Franklin Elementary School in Rahway. Students in kindergarten through third grade were invited to the auditorium for the 'Heads up for Safety' helmet safety program. The purpose of the presentation was to educate children on the importance of wearing your helmet and wearing it correctly.



(above, l-r) Paul Pineda, Stacey Gao, and Darrin McPhaul from Ms. Kristine Richert's second grade with Katie Doster from The Epilepsy Foundation of NJ.

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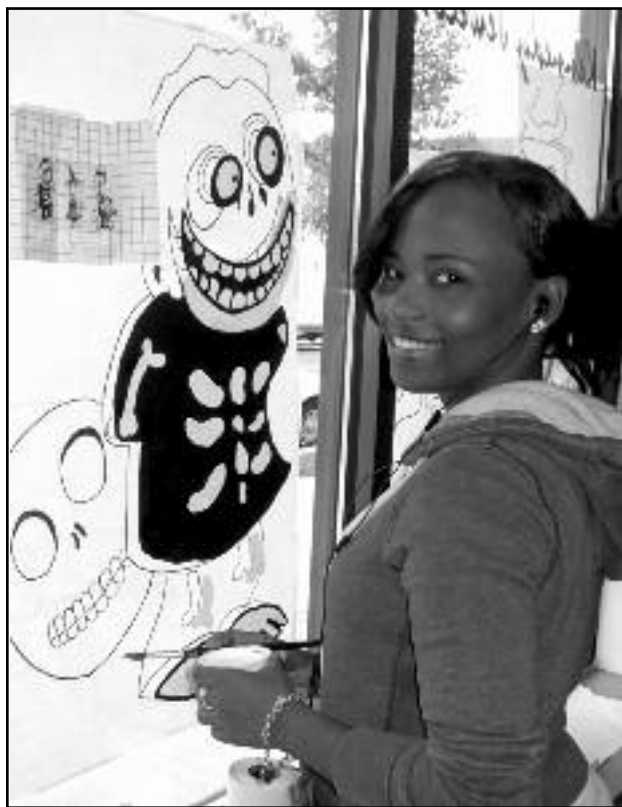
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## PAINTING THE TOWN

On Friday, October 21, students from the Rahway High School Advanced Art classes spent the day in Downtown Rahway painting decorations on the windows of several businesses and community landmarks. This annual event, which occurs under the leadership of RHS art teacher JoAnne Campanelli, showcases student talent as well as the important relationship between Rahway High School and the Rahway community.



(above) Rahway High senior Samiyah Chester paints a window in Downtown Rahway.

## FORMER RAHWAY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT RETURNS TO TEACH HER TEACHERS

On October 31, during a professional development session, Denita Richardson, a member of the class of 1996 at Rahway High School, returned to introduce science and social studies teachers at her alma mater to Study Island software. Denita is the Southern New Jersey Consultant for Archipelago Learning, L.L.C., a firm whose products are used all over the United States, and in Canada, Australia, and the United Kingdom. Denita grew up in Rahway, graduated from Rutgers Newark.

Study Island combines highly specific and dynamic content with real-time reporting to each teacher to allow creation of a customized

assessment, diagnostic, and instructional program for each student, providing the opportunity for the student to attain mastery of New Jersey curricular standards. Rahway has been using Study Island for several years in order to help students prepare for the state-mandated High School Proficiency Assessment (HSPA). This year, however, the high school expanded availability to a wider range of subjects and to all students. This web-based software can be used at school, home, and even the public library for reinforcement for AP courses, SAT preparation, and practice in history, science, language arts and mathematics.



(above) Denita Richardson teaches her own former teachers how to utilize Study Island.

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# FRESHMAN TRANSITION INITIATIVE HIGHLIGHTED IN RESEARCHER VISIT AND TOWN MEETING

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On October 26, Rebecca Dedmond of George Washington University addressed the faculty of Rahway High School regarding her research on how Freshman Transition programs build academic persistence among students. Rahway High School has implemented such a program this September. The goal of such program is to increase academic success among incoming freshmen throughout high school and during post-secondary education by helping them to develop a vision for success. Professor Dedmond also spent time directly with the school's Freshman Transition teachers.

Rebecca Dedmond is Assistant Professor and Director of the Master of Arts in School Counseling Program at The George Washington University where she has also written and validated the Freshman Transition Standards and established the Freshman Transition Initiative. Previously, she has sponsored school and career initiatives both in the United States and abroad, serving as consultant to The World Bank and The British Council and Career Counseling Supervisor for the Commonwealth of Virginia. She also worked with the United States Army Recruiting Command, where she wrote and implemented a successful marketing campaign, "Planning for Life."

On Wednesday evening, November 2, at the Rahway Public Library, the community had an opportunity to learn more about the Freshman Transition program during Rahway Board of Education's Town Meeting. Rahway High School Principal John Farinella and teachers Maria Hennessy, Dawe Peralta, and Linda

Weissbrod shared information and videos and answered questions about the new initiative. This is a school-wide initiative, with all freshmen students, guidance counselors, peer leadership team and eleven teachers involved during the initial year. As freshmen, students gain financial literacy enabling them to create online ten year life plans, which are then updated annually in higher level courses and available for advisory purposes to the entire faculty and guidance staff throughout their high school years.



(above) George Washington University's Rebecca Dedmond addresses Guidance Counselors and Freshmen Transition Teachers.

## STUDENTS LEARN SAFTY FROM RFD

The kindergartners at Franklin Elementary School in Rahway recently had a visit from the Rahway Fire department. The firefighters discussed fire safety and dressed in their fire gear. The students were very excited because they also had the opportunity to sit on the fire truck.



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## NATIONAL WRITING DAY SPARKS CREATIVITY AT RAHWAY HS

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Why? People in every kind of work and at every age communicate more than ever before for personal, professional, and civic purposes, through text messages, instant messages, twitter, video cameras, and even traditional pen and paper. New technologies expand the possibilities for composing in multiple media and for speaking to wider audiences and at a faster pace than ever before in our history.

Writers continue to learn how to write for different purposes, audiences, and occasions throughout their lifetimes.

Each year, Rahway High School teachers in all disciplines celebrate the National Day on Writing by having their classes engage in creative writing assignments. This year, Mrs. Jessica DeRose's Biology students used their understanding of the characteristics of living beings to write essays as prosecutor or defense of a Martian who had come to earth and returned to his planet, stating that automobiles were living things. In Mr. Jeffrey Romano's English I class, after studying Edgar Allen Poe's "The Fall of the House of Usher," students used what they had learned to write a scary story. Spanish II students of Mrs. Carmen Sierra created Facebook profiles for themselves, including writing their own personal bio in Spanish. Her other students wrote letters in Spanish to penpals from other classes. Also, Mrs. Patricia Peloso's American History students discussed Randy Pausch's speech, "The Last Lecture," and wrote about their own attitudes and dreams. Mr. David Brighthouse's history students challenged themselves to follow Hemingway's example of creating a short, short story, using only 6 words, shades of Twitter or texting. Food critics were the order of the day in Mrs. Patricia Williams' math classes. Ms. Christine McNicholas' students drew a random household object out of a container and had to persuade classmates why this item should exist. Students later read their essays for the class and were videotaped. Drama students of Mrs. Alison Dooley created scripts of events occurring before and after a given

scenario, while dance students wrote detailed letters to administrators explaining their gratitude for the dance program. Mr. Radler's history students dealt with a situation after a nuclear war, where certain hypothetical persons were in a shelter with limited resources and too many people. Students had a timed writing assignment about the process of determining who would be allowed to stay and why.

Many English classes composed creative pieces that may become part of the Ex Animo, the Rahway District literary journal, published each spring. Last year's journal may be viewed on the school website at [rahway.net](http://rahway.net). The National Day on Writing celebration is always an exciting opportunity for faculty and student creativity and is organized by School Coordinator Kim Kiefer.



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(above) Rahway High history teacher Patricia Peloso encourages student reflection on how attitude and outlook affect living your dream.



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“We definitely went through a tough time for awhile as we had to move and find a new location due to the construction of the parking deck and the adjoining high rise building. We got wind that the old McCrory 5 & Dime building on East Cherry was available. The building is historic with its high ceilings, wood floors and tin ceilings with skylight. After a tough negotiation we bought it and re-opened in 2005 and it’s been a growing success ever since. I’m really glad that I didn’t have to leave Rahway and that we found this Cherry Street location” added Chris Wenson.

The ambiance, the friendliness, the good drinks and the great mix of people are in part what seems to make this business a success. However, in some mind’s eye it’s the food that demands the most respect. The kitchen serves till midnight and later on weekends. Chris learned how to cook by trial and error back at the old location. In 1997 Damian Ortiz came on as a short order cook and over time honed his craft and today Damian is head Chef. “When I was 17 years old I left my home in Oaxaca, Mexico and came to this country to find work. I

met my wife Galbas, a Rahway girl, and we started our family. Rahway is our home town” remarked Damian. Rahway residents for fifteen years now, Damian and his wife are bringing up their three sons in their home on Union Street.

Neither Chris or Damian have formal culinary training but boy do they have talent. “I guess I have a knack and I understand good food. Damian is the hard worker as I come up with an idea for a new dish and provide a catchy name and then Damian does all the hard work creating something that tastes great and then tweaking the recipe till we’ve got it right. We offer the new dish as a special, ask for comments and if we had gotten it right it goes on the permanent menu. My part is the inspiration which is about 1% and then Damian’s part is 99% perspiration” added Wenson. Damian doesn’t seem to mind and when asked what’s the hardest part of his job he just smiles and says he likes it all. Damian generally works 55 hours each week and about 35 of those hours are behind the grill.

Muchmobiles Peter Genovese of The Star-Ledger reviewed the Waiting Room in September and reported “The former McCrory’s looks like a sports bar; the menu is anything but. One must: the garlic pork chops, seasoned and cooked to near-perfection. Baby lamb chops are a grown-up’s delight. Also liked the voodoo chili, bubbling over with meat and cheese”. The Waiting Room is expanding to add outside dining with a deck and about 15 tables.



(above) Owner Chris Wenson.



(above) Head Chef Damian Ortiz

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## JASON PRESSMAN JOINS MACKEVICH LAW FIRM



(above, l-r) Attorneys Jim Mackevich, Bob Stanicki, and Jason Pressman in front of the firm's office on Raritan Road in Clark.

Jason Pressman has joined the law firm of Mackevich, Burke and Stanicki located at 1435 Raritan Road in Clark, NJ. Mr. Pressman earned his J.D. from Fordham Law School in 2003 after graduating from the Johns Hopkins University where he studied political science and played varsity lacrosse.

Mr. Pressman will serve in the role as associate within the firm and will focus on representing individuals and entities in a wide variety legal proceedings including business and construction litigation, landlord/tenant disputes, and municipal court matters.

Mr. Pressman is a member of the New Jersey Bar Association, the Richard J. Hughes Inns of Court, and is legal counsel to the Rahway Chamber of Commerce and the North Jersey

Junior Lacrosse League. Before joining the Mackevich law firm, Mr. Pressman practiced with the firm of Hutt and Shimanowitz in Woodbrige, NJ and Budd Larner in Short Hills.

In addition to being an attorney, Mr. Pressman is actively engaged in youth sports and has organized and run the Clark Youth Lacrosse league since 2005.

Mr. Pressman's new firm, Mackevich, Burke and Stanicki, has been in business for 31 years. It moved from Cranford to its current Clark location in 1998. The firm represents clients in the areas of construction litigation, real estate, contracts, personal injury, landlord/tenant disputes, municipal court matters and general family law. More information can be found at [WWW.MBSLAWYERS.COM](http://WWW.MBSLAWYERS.COM).



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# A FOUNDING FATHER IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE

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



Colin Gittens

Most people thinking of Benjamin Franklin today might associate him with flying a kite during a storm, serving as a key leader during the American Revolution, or as simply the face on a hundred dollar bill. But anyone interested in our library will surely want to remember him for another reason as well.

Like many of the renaissance men of that time, who spoke multiple languages and had incredibly wide-ranging interests, Ben Franklin possessed a keen intellectual curiosity. But Franklin also had the desire and foresight to foster learning in others, and was instrumental in founding one of the first public lending libraries in this country, in Philadelphia, in 1731.

At that time, most Americans had limited access to books, which were rare and very expensive. Franklin and other members of a philosophical association known as the Junto recognized that by combining their purchasing power, a range of books could be made more readily available to members. So 50 subscribers invested 40 shillings each to start up a library, and pledged 10 more each year to provide upkeep and purchase additional books. Founding members of the library included delegates to the Continental Congresses and future signers of the Declaration of Independence.

By 1741, the library, known as The Library Company, held books in history, geography, poetry, exploration, and science and theology. Unlike university libraries of the time, the majority of this collection was in English rather than Latin. The library was open Saturday afternoons from 4-8, and even non-members could borrow books if they pledged something of value.

Today, here in Rahway, a similarly civic-minded group exists to bolster our public library. And though none of our members has any historical claim to fame as far as I know, no eminence is needed, no revolution required to become a member. The Friends of the Rahway Public Library exist to raise funds for and support programs of the library. We meet monthly, and put on several larger fundraising events during the course of the year. Please stop by the library's reference desk to learn more about joining.

Full details on Ben Franklin's role in The Library Company are available at [ushistory.org/franklin/philadelphia/library.htm](http://ushistory.org/franklin/philadelphia/library.htm)

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College representatives were pleased by the number of freshmen and sophomores that participated along with the usual juniors, seniors, and parents. Representatives commented on the good questions students asked. One college representative gave this feedback, which made the school community proud: "Students were polite and had the best manners of any fair I have attended. You should be congratulated."



(above, l-r) Students Quinton Jones, Evangeline Ship-Black, and Jaylon McCoy check out nearly one hundred visiting colleges and universities displaying their offerings at the Rahway High School College Fair

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Prior to November 9, yard waste placed in containers or paper bags will continued to be picked up on the first collection day of the week.

Residents who live along a County road can check the Union County leaf collection schedule at the City of Rahway Web Site: [www.cityofrahyway.com](http://www.cityofrahyway.com).

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## TOP 5 USES FOR FALL LEAVES

Oh, leaves. There's so much we love about you. The first sight of your flowers in the spring; the sound you make when you blow in the breeze during summer; your brilliant shades of red, yellow, and orange come fall. And then you drop to the ground and become another thing on our to-do list.

### LEAVE THEM BE

Why: Leaves act as a home for many different types of beneficial insects (ground and rove beetles, spiders, caterpillars), as well as amphibians such as wood frogs. A layer of leaves also serves as a root protection for trees and shrubs by keeping in moisture and moderating the temperature of the soil. And if

that's not reason enough, you will also attract more birds, which rely on leaves for shelter, nesting material, and water.

How: Leave behind a thin layer of leaves in areas that people don't walk on (you wouldn't want anyone slipping). If you're worried about your grass being smothered, chop the leaves with a lawn mower.

Good to know: Researchers from Michigan State University have found that chopped leaves left on lawns may actually help suppress dandelions.

### MAKE MULCH

Why: A less expensive and taxing option to raking, bagging, and disposing, leaf mulch mimics a natural forest ecosystem, making for excellent nutrient recycling.

How: When the leaves begin to fall, mow your lawn as you normally would. This will shred the leaves, making them decompose faster and a bit easier to pack around the bases of plants. In vegetable and perennial gardens, you can keep the leaves whole, and then turn them over come spring.

Good to know: Songbirds love leaf mulch since it harbors lots of nutritious bugs!

### COMPOST THEM

Why: Any gardener can extol the merits of compost. Good compost requires a mix of high nitrogen (grass clippings, food waste) and high carbon components. The best bet for the latter? Fallen leaves.

How: Scoop them up whole and add them to your compost pile. Not only do they add bulk but leaves make for good aeration. Don't have a compost pile yet? Leaves are a great way to get

started. To speed up the decomposing process, you can shred them a little.

Good to know: Leaves that have been left on the ground for awhile bring useful decomposing microorganisms to the compost pile.

### HAVE FUN WITH THEM

Why: There's nothing more thrilling than jumping into a big pile of leaves (and that goes for both kids and adults). Be aware of ticks.

How: In addition to a good old-fashioned leaf pile, you can make a scarecrow, add leaves to vases or window boxes, preserve brightly colored fallen leaves, or make leaf rubbings.

Good to know: It's good luck to catch a falling leaf before it touches the ground. Slap the lucky leaf against your forehead, turn around in three complete circles, and then make a wish!

### LEARN MORE ABOUT THEM

Why: Think a leaf is simply just a leaf? Think again. There are compound and simple leaves, broad leaves and needle leaves, leafstalks, leaf teeth, and leaf veins. By learning more about the leaves you see every day, you will gain more appreciation for the natural world around you.

How: Pick up one of the countless books written on the subject. A few favorites, include: The Sibley Guide to Trees, Fall Color Finder, Why Do Leaves Change Color?, and The Tree Book for Kids and Their Grown Ups.

Good to know: While we now know science is behind leaves changing color, countless legends have been linked to this fall phenomenon, including Native American lore that said when hunters killed the Great Bear in the sky, the bear's blood fell on the forests, turning some of the leaves red.



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## WINE

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Beringer White Zinfandel 1.5lt	\$ 899
Carlo Rossi 4lt	\$1197
(chablis, burgundy, paisano, blush, sangria)	
Casillero Del Diablo 750ml	\$ 897
(cab, chard, merlot)	
Cavit Pinot Grigio 1.5lt	\$1297
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Chateau Ste Michelle chardonnay 750ml	\$ 995
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Fetzer (All Types) 1.5lt	\$1098
Franzia 5lt	\$1197
(crisp white, blush, chablis, sangria, chilable red)	
Kendall Jackson Chardonnay 750ml	\$1199
Korbel 750ml	\$1197
(All Types except Natural and Organic)	
Louis Jadot Beaujolais 750ml	\$ 897
Louis Jadot Pouilly Fuisse 750ml	\$1997
M&R Asti 750ml	\$1197
M&R Asti 1.5lt	\$2197
Mark West Pinot Noir 750ml	\$1098
Menage Trois Red Rose 750ml	\$ 995
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Nando Asti Sumante 750ml	\$ 899
Robert Mondavi Private Selection 750ml	\$ 995
Robert Mondavi Private Selection 1.5lt	\$1897
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Sebastiani Chardonnay 750ml	\$ 995
Smoking Loom (All Types) 750ml	\$ 899
Sutter Home (All Varieties) 1.5lt	\$ 995
Sutter Home White Zinfandel 1.5lt	\$ 799
Sutter Home Moscato 1.5lt	\$ 899
Veuve Clicquot Brut 750ml	\$4198
Woodbridge (All Types) 1.5lt	\$1098
Yellow Tail (All Types) 1.5lt	\$1098
Zonin Pinot Grigio 1.5lt	\$ 995

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Courvoisier VS 1.75lt	\$5299
Hennessy 750ml	\$2899
Hennessy 1lt	\$3597
Hennessy 1.75lt	\$5999
JC VSOP 750ml	\$1991
Paul Masson VS 750ml	\$ 995
Paul Masson VS 1.75lt	\$1897
Remy Martin VSOP 750ml	\$3697
Remy Martin VSOP 1lt	\$4999

### VODKA

Absolut 750ml	\$1897
Absolut 1.75lt	\$2999
Ciroc (All Types) 750ml	\$2997
Ciroc (All Types) 1.75lt	\$5597
Finlandia 750ml	\$1597
Finlandia 1lt	\$1797
Finlandia 1.75lt	\$2599
Fris 1.75lt	\$1897
Grey Goose (All Types) 750ml	\$2799
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Ketel One 1.75 lt	\$3997
Luksusowa 750ml	\$1497
Luksusowa 1.75lt	\$1999
Majorska 1.75lt	\$1397
Pinnacle Vodka 1.75lt	\$1897
Sobieski 750ml	\$1099
Sobieski 1.75lt	\$1797
Svedka (All Types) 1.75 lt	\$1997
Smirnoff 750ml	\$1098
Smirnoff 1.75lt	\$1997
Stolichanaya 1.75lt	\$2999
Three Olives (All Types) 1lt	\$2299
Three Olives (All Types) 1.75lt	\$2599
Tanqueray Sterling 1.75lt	\$2997

### CORDIALS

Bailey's Irish Creme 750ml	\$1999
Bailey's Irish Creme 1.75lt	\$3897
Leroux Blackberry Brandy 750ml	\$1199
Leroux Blackberry Brandy 1.75lt	\$1997
Patron XO Cafe 750ml	\$2299
Southern Comfort 750ml	\$1697
Southern Comfort 1.75lt	\$2697

### GIN

Bombay Sapphire 1.75lt	\$3897
Seagram's 1.75lt	\$1799
Tanqueray 1.75lt	\$3799

### RUM

Bacardi Lt, Gold, Select 1.75lt	\$1997
Captain Morgan 1.75lt	\$2599
Malibu 750ml	\$1897
Malibu 1.75lt	\$2499

### WHISKEY

Ballantine Finest 750ml	\$1497
Ballantine Finest 1.75lt	\$2897
Canadian Club 1.75lt	\$1999
Canadian Mist 1.75lt	\$1899
Chivas Regal 12 Year 750ml	\$2799
Chivas Regal 12 Year 1.75lt	\$4999
Crown Royal 1.75lt	\$4599
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	\$5899
Gentleman Jack 750ml	\$2699
Gentleman Jack 1.75lt	\$4999
Grant's 750ml	\$1399
Grant's 1.75lt	\$2399
Jack Daniel's Black 750ml	\$2199
Jack Daniel's Black 1.75lt	\$4099
Jameson 750ml	\$2497
Johnnie Walker Black 750ml	\$3199
Johnnie Walker Black 1.75lt	\$5999
Johnnie Walker Blue 750ml	\$16999
Johnnie Walker Red 750ml	\$1899
Johnnie Walker Red 1.75lt	\$3199
Maker's Mark 750ml	\$2499
Maker's Mark 1.75lt	\$4297
Seagram's 7 1.75lt	\$1897

### TEQUILA

El Jimador Reposado 100% Agave Tequila (#1 Selling Tequila in Mexico) 750ml	\$1997
El Jimador Reposado 1.75lt	\$2999
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Patron Silver 750ml	\$3797

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Miller Lite (Cans) 30pk	\$2099
Sargres 24pk (Bottles)	\$1699
Sam Adams Lager 24pk	\$2599
Stella Artois 24pk	\$2497
Tatra (500ml) 20pk	\$1899
Tecate 24pk (Cans)	\$1599
Yuengling Lager (Loose Bottles) 24pk	\$1599
Zyweic (11.2oz) 24pk	\$1997

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