#### RAHWAY'S HOMETOWN NEWSPAPER

# OUR TOWN

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**FREE** 

#### NEXT CHAMBER MEETING NOVEMBER 18 8:30am to 9:30am

Host location to be announced on ourtownrahway.com

#### Happy Halloween OCTOBER 31st

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#### **CHAMBER MEETS WITH GREAT SUCCESS, GROWING INTEREST**

It wasn't too early in the day for over fifty people that came to participate or listen to the September general meeting of the Rahway Chamber of Commerce. The meeting was held 8:30a.m. at the Masonic Lodge on Irving Street on September 23rd. The message from guest speaker Ed Yergalonis, Superintendent of Schools, was that he was expecting high accomplishments academically from his students and teachers. The Chamber also kicked off its fall membership drive and announced upcoming elections in January of officers and directors. Special presentations were also made by Arthur Macaspac on the opening of his business Chessmates and Captain Mike Brothers of the Rahway Fire Department on fire safety. David Ginfrida of Ginfrida Home Improvement spoke of his company's "Community Counts" philanthropic efforts and the many organizations that are being helped through his company's generosity.

#### SPECIAL CENTER SPREAD: PULL-OUT FEATURING RAHWAY MEETING & EATING DIRECTORY

The Rahway Chamber of Commerce has created a directory of food service and catering businesses in Rahway. The directory lists 93 businesses and organizations that offer everything form a hot dog in the pack to rental halls for weddings.

Maybe it's a Sunday morning breakfast or maybe a fancy sit down meal or just maybe a great pizza and a glass of beer. Our town has it all from gourmet ice cream to planning a holiday party for your organization.

The directory is a handy keepsake for people who have to plan a party or organize a meeting for work.

The Chamber recommends residents and businesses stay local and support Rahway's hardworking restaurateurs! Please check these guys out first before you make plans outside our town. For parties big and small!





(above) People representing local business, organizations, public service agencies and residents filled the Masonic Temple meeting room for the Chamber meeting.

Use the application on page 15 to join the Rahway Chamber of Commerce!

#### **RAHWAY BAND BEST IN SHOW**

The Rahway High School Marching Band finished its opening weekend of competitions at the United States Scholastic Band Association competition held on Saturday, September 11. Competing three weeks earlier than previously scheduled, the RHS Marching Band competed at Edison High School and took top honors as Best Overall Band. The RHS Marching Band took First Place in Group IVA and special awards for best music, best visual, best effect, most spirit and best pit crew. The Band then went on to top all seven other bands to win best in show.



(above) Members of the Rahway High School Marching Band perform at the United States Scholastic Band Association competition at Edison High School.

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#### **CITY OF RAHWAY**

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Library	
Board of Education	

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#### Message from the Chairman



#### AFTER YOU VOTE...THEN WHAT!

Election Day in Rahway is drawing near. Tuesday, November 2nd. It happens to also be my birthday as well as All Souls' Day within the Catholic Church. If you haven't registered to vote go out and do so. Voting is easier than ever in fact you can enroll in New Jersey's Vote from Home www.state.nj.us/state/elections/mail-in doe.html. Most importantly, give thought to the candidates and the issues facing Rahway, Union County, New Jersey and our country. Maybe we can all pause for some quiet time, put our feet up on the old stool and ask

for wisdom from on high to guide us. Of course that might direct us to giving up a party allegiance on a few of our selections but to me that could be a very good thing for us.

After the results are in and we have our newly elected officials then what? Too many stand back from the process and wait for the next election and pray that things are going to change and get better. This probably won't happen unless more of us stay involved by remaining active after the elections in the party of our choice and the community organizations and churches that support our beliefs and values. It's time to help make our country stronger and healthier by taking back control from the few and return it to you and me, the people. Remember...this is our town and our country...not theirs. Stay involved!

Sincerely,

Bob Markey

Acting Chairman

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

#### **HEALTH FAIR IS SET FOR OCTOBER 16TH**

Rahway Department of Health and Community Services will conduct the Rahway Health Fair on Saturday, October 16 from 9:AM till noon at the Recreation Center next to City Hall on East Milton Avenue. All are welcome!

#### FIRST THURSDAY IN DOWNTOWN

Don't miss the fun and excitement in downtown every first Thursday evening starting at 6PM. Bring the family and enjoy specials and great food and drinks at many downtown restaurants as well as live performances and special art presentations throughout the downtown Arts District.

#### **ADVERTISING & PRESS RELEASES**

Each month 3,000 newspapers are printed and 1,200 are mailed free to every business in Rahway with the balance being distributed free throughout town. The ads are affordably priced with a special lower rate for members of the Chamber of Commerce. Call today to reserve your space in the next issue.

Inquiries concerning advertising and submissions of press releases can be made to Our Town Rahway via email or fax to:

TINA RENNA

Email: TinaRenna@RennaMedia.com Phone: 908-418-5586 Fax: 908-709-9209



# JERSEY FRESH MARKET **THURSDAY**

Jersey Fresh Farm Market season has been extended and will run every Thursday through November 18th. The market runs from 11AM till 7PM at NJT Train Station Plaza at East Milton and Irving Street. Local vendors will continue to supply fresh fruits and vegetables. Schieferstein Farm Market from Clark Township plans to also have available fall squash, pumpkins and fresh flowers. Parking is available on the street or just around the corner at the Rahway Parking Garage with the entrance on Lewis Street.

#### **CITY MEETING DATES & SCHEDULES**

#### **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, October 12, Regular Meeting Tuesday, November 3, Pre-Meeting Conference

Monday, November 8, Regular Meeting,

#### **BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

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

Monday, October 18

#### **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Regular Monthly Caucus Meetings are held in the Louis R. Rizzo Board Meting 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 beings at 7:30 p.m. (Both in the Cafeteria). Please call (732) 396-1000 for any inquires.

Tuesday October 12, 2010 Monthly Caucus Tuesday October 19, 2010 Regular Board Meeting

Tuesday November 9, 2010 Monthly Caucus

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

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

Thursday, November 4

#### HOUSING AUTHORITY

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

Thursday, October 14

#### 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 19

#### **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, October 26

#### PLANNING BOARD

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

Tuesday, October 26

#### **RAHWAY CENTER PARTNERSHIP**

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

Check for meetings; www.cityofrahway.com/rahway\_center\_partnership.htm

#### REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

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

Wednesday, November 10

#### **SENIOR ACTIVITIES**

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Please call the Rahway Division of Senior Services at (732) 827-2016 for more information and to register for events.

### SENIORS TRIP TO LIGRECI'S STAATEN IN STATEN ISLAND

The Rahway Division of Senior Services is sponsoring a trip to LiGreci's Staaten in Staten Island, NY on Thursday, October 21, 2010. The trip is \$55.00. The trip includes bus transportation, show and a lunch (appetizer, entree, dessert and beverage). Mike Byrne's All-Star Productions will present the show, Golden Oldies, with music from the 50's and 60"s performed by Mikey & The Reflections. The bus will leave from the Rahway Senior Center at 10:30 am. and return at approximately 4:30 pm.

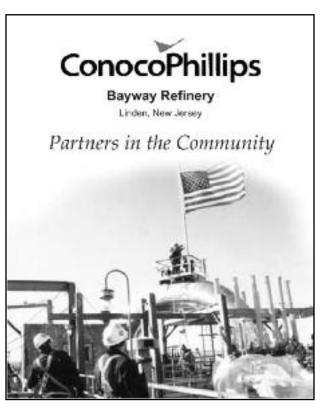
#### **ORGAN CONCERT**

The Hammond Organ Society of New Jersey proudly presents Steve Berger playing on a Hammond X-66 organ at the Rahway Senior Center at 2 p.m. on Sunday, October 17, 2010. The cost is \$5 for members and \$7 for guests. Steve is an accomplished keyboardists who has performed throughout New Jersey and New York City. He performs a variety of music from pop rock to country and jazz. For more information contact Bob Martin, President at (973)256-5480.

#### **HALLOWEEN BINGO**

Come join the fun at the Rahway Senior Center on Wednesday October 27, 2010 at 1:30 for a Halloween Bingo. Costumes are optional. It is free for Rahway seniors, but registration is required.







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# RAHWAY REAL ESTATE SNAPSHOT

by Marianne Power of Saliga & Markey Real Estate, Inc.



Currently there are 185 single family homes listed for sale in Rahway within the Garden State Multiple Listing. Today's average list price is

\$274,000 and the average days on the market for these homes is 115. Since the first of this year 141 single family homes have sold and closed in our town and the average sale price for these properties was \$238,000.

#### **FAZIOLI PIANO LOFT**

at Union County Performing Arts Center (UC PAC)

Frank Kimbrough
Thursday, November 4th
7pm – Admission Free
UC PAC Box Office – 732-499-8226

#### **MULCH THOSE LEAVES**

Save tax dollars, help your lawns and gardens and the environment!

Rather than going through all the trouble of putting those fallen leaves out to the curb why not run them through your lawnmower. Rotary type mowers can make fast work of the leaves by finely chopping them up and if you run the mower over your lawn once or twice you're probably done. The small leftover leaf bits will quickly decompose and enrich your lawn or garden soils. Just think of the cost savings to Rahway taxpayers if only 20% of our town didn't put leaves out for pickup this fall. And not the least, just consider the benefit to our environment!

# HOME IMPROVEMENT LOANS

City of Rahway is offering qualified homeowners may be eligible for low-interest or 0% interest deferred loans, up to \$25,000.

Repairs may include - new roofs, windows, bathrooms, kitchens, heating, siding, painting, etc.

Call (732) 827-2193 for an application.

# **LEAF COLLECTION BEGINS NOVEMBER 3**

Rahway leaf collection season will begin on November 3 and will run through the end of the year. Starting November 3, leaves should be placed in piles along the curb or placed in biodegradable paper leaf bags available at most hardware stores. Leaves placed in plastic bags or trash cans will not be collected. Please call the city's leaf hotline at (732) 827-2063 during leaf collection season to learn where DPW crews will be working that day.

#### **GARDEN CLUB FORMED**

First Meeting Thurs. October 21st

The Rahway Garden Club has been recently formed and will be meeting at the Rahway Library on the third Thursday of each month from 7-8 PM starting October 21st. The club has formed under the umbrella of the New Jersey Garden Club and the National Garden Club. All gardeners are invited to attend this free event and help in the formation of this group that's devoted to improving our town's quality of life through flower and vegetable gardening and horticultural pursuits.



CASH FOR GOLD: 547 Boulevard, Kenilworth, NJ 07033

#### **NORTHFIELD NAMED TO FORBES "MOST TRUSTWORTHY COMPANIES"**

holding company for Northfield Bank, was named among the top "Most Trustworthy Companies" in a list compiled for Forbes by Audit Integrity, a Los Angeles-based independent financial analytics firm.

Audit Integrity looks beyond the raw data reported in companies' income statements and balance sheets to more than 100 factors that help it assess the true quality of corporate accounting and management practices. Using its Accounting & Governance Risk (AGR) rating, Audit Integrity assigns scores based on

Northfield Bancorp, Inc. (Nasdaq:NFBK),the a company's accounting and management practices to rank companies on trustworthiness.

> We are honored to be recognized by Forbes and to be included on the list of most trustworthy companies," stated Alexander, Chairman and CEO of Northfield Bancorp, Inc. "We remain committed to high ethical standards and sound corporate governance practices as we focus on our company's strategic objectives."

Northfield Bancorp has been on the Forbes "Most Trustworthy Companies" list for the past 24 months and is one of only 66 banks included

on the list nationwide. Overall, fewer than 5% of public companies make Audit Integrity's list of Most Trustworthy Companies.

About Northfield Bancorp, Inc.

Northfield Bancorp, Inc. is the holding company for Northfield Bank. Northfield Bank was founded in 1887. Including a branch located at 1515 Irving Street in Rahway, operates 19 full service banking offices in Staten Island, New York, Brooklyn, New York and Middlesex and Union counties, New Jersey. For more information about Northfield, please visit www.eNorthfield.com.

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# RAHWAY PUBLIC LIBRARY OCTOBER 2010 EVENTS

**OPTIMAL RESUME WORKSHOP:** 

Registration Required. Learn to use this high-powered resume writing software.

Choose the date that is convenient for you: Tuesday, October 5 at 10:00 am OR Wednesday, October 6 at 6:30 pm

#### ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE - Know the 10 Signs: Early Detection Matters

Interactive workshop presented by Michelle Foster-Carter of the New Jersey Alzheimer's Association Thursday, October 14 at 2:00 pm

#### FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY MEETING:

All are welcome to attend.

Thursday, October 14 at 6:30 pm

**READER'S CIRCLE BOOK GROUP:** 

"The Red Leather Diary"

Wednesday, October 20 at 2:00 pm

**BE A SMART CONSUMER:** 

**Understanding Your Rights** 

Presented by Florence Peterson of the Union County Division of Consumer Affairs Wednesday, October 20 at 6:30 pm

#### **BOOK BINGO: Everyone wins!**

Open to adults, age 18+. Tuesday, October 26 at 2:00 pm

#### BE A SMART CONSUMER - Identity Theft:

It Can Happen To You

Presented by Florence Peterson of the Union County Division of Consumer Affairs Wednesday, October 27 at 6:30 pm

#### **TEEN EVENTS**

**TEEN MOVIE: Watch Iron Man 2,** 

rated PG-13. All are welcome. Saturday, October 2 at 2:00 pm

#### TEEN READ WEEK: "Books with Beat @ Your Library"

Spend time reading for pleasure: it's fun and free! October 17 though October 23

#### **CHILDREN'S EVENTS**

**TODDLER TIME:** 

for ages 3 and under with parent/caregiver.

Tuesdays, October 5 through November 16 at 10:30 am

**AUTUMN TALES: Storytime and craft. For all ages.** 

Thursdays, October 7 through 21 at 6:30 pm

ALL DAY DROP-IN CRAFT: "Columbus Day"

Saturday, October 9

#### STUFFED ANIMAL "SLEEPOVER":

for children of all ages. Thursday, October 28 at 6:30 pm

#### "SLEEPOVER" BRUNCH & ANIMAL PICK-UP:

Friday, October 29 at 10:30 am

#### **CHILLER MOVIE: No school today!**

Come in and watch a movie! Friday, October 29 at 2:00 pm

#### **ALL DAY DROP-IN CRAFT: "Halloween"**

Saturday, October 30

**HALLOWEEN HOWL:** 

#### Scary stories, a craft, tricks, and treats.

Wear a costume if you like! Saturday, October 30 at 1:00

#### **NEXUS NJ: THE 2010 NJ JURIED ART EXHIBIT**

October 15- November 4, 2010 • Reception: Sunday October 17 1-4 pm

From 1999-2008, Arts Guild New Jersey presented "Celebrating Excellence" an exhibit which featured artists from our home area - Union County, New Jersey. Our audience, however, spans the counties in the North and Central New Jersey area and we have expanded the scope of the exhibit this year to be open to all artists who either live or work in this state.

Too many people seem to think that great art in the Eastern U.S. only can be found in New York City, where, granted, many of the notable contemporary artists are represented by some of the best galleries in the country, if not the world. We believe that the talent of New Jersey artists is underrated, undervalued and not considered to

live up to the standards of the Big Apple.

During the course of each year, in order to organize the art exhibits we present, it is necessary to review a LOT of art by a LOT of people, and we have found, without exception that the art we have come across that is created by New Jersey artists can be every bit as innovative, technically excellent and insightful as artwork found anywhere else - including New York City. During our past season (2009-2010) we featured dynamic artworks by no fewer than 100 artists and nearly 70% of those artists were from this state.

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committed to keeping our community active by providing 'new' and 'fun' ways to help achieve life balance. "The Y", (which has Branches in Rahway, Elizabeth, and Union New Jersey) recently programmed a week's worth of activities which were free for the public and members alike. This year's theme, "Mission: Possible" involved a myriad of Health & Well-Being classes including; "Zumba", "Kick-Boxing", "Pilates", "Yoga", as well as "Group Basketball & Volleyball."

Mission Possible Week culminated on Saturday, September 18th, with a Health & Well-Being Day that incorporated even more

The YMCA of Eastern Union County is offerings for adults and families such as; Free Face Painting, Bounce House, Snacks, Music, and a group 'Walk-A-Thon.' Nearly 200 participants took part in the festivities at the Rahway River Park and received free 'Pedometers' as well as 'T-Shirts' featuring the New YMCA Branding and Logo!

> The YMCA of Eastern Union County has many exciting programs and services to help "Health Seekers" of all levels reach their pursuit of Well-Being.

For more information on joining "The Y", please call 732-388-0057 in Rahway, 908-355-9622 in Elizabeth. and 908-688-9622 in Union.

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#### "THE HALLOWEEN AT THE Y" **ON OCTOBER 30, 2010.**

Halloween at the Y will be held on Saturday, October 30 from 1pm-3pm for members of the community of all ages at the Rahway Branch.

Activities will include a Halloween Art Gallery display in the gymnasium, CATCH games and healthy treats. The Trunk or Treat parade, our featured event, will begin promptly at 2:30pm.

For more information, please contact Tomora Young, Health & Well-Being Coordinator, at 732-388-0057 or email at tyoung@ymcaeuc.org.

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#### The legend was created to the best of the Chamber's abilities. Our apologies for any misinformation or if we missed listing your business. Please call to correct any errors. Thank you, Your Friendly Chamber

- (B) = Breakfast(L) = Lunch
- (D) = Dinner
- (R) = Rental Space
- (A) = Alcohol License

Thank you, Town Thenany Chamber	(A)	= Alcohol License	
6 Eleven Convenience	(B)(L)	297 West Grand Avenue	732-382-6111
7- Eleven	(B)(L)	125 St. Georges Avenue	732-381-0095
American Legion Post #499	(R)	59 West Main Street	732-574-8270
America Legion Post #5	(R)	581 Maple Avenue	732-574-8179
Beana's	(L)(D)	986 St. Georges Avenue	732-381-3223
Best Western	(R)	1747 Patterson Street	732-381-7650
Beverly's Sweet Shop	(B)(L)	1413 Main Street	732-499-0948
Bianca's Deli	(B)(L)	1561 Irving Street	732-396-7165
Big Al's	(B)(L)	2186 Elizabeth Avenue	732-381-2250
Big Belly Deli	(B)(L)	78 East Cherry Street	732-382-0055
Breathless Gentleman's Club	(L)(D)(R)(A)	876 Hart Street	732-574-3825
Brooklyn Pizza	(L)(D)	482 Race Street	732-499-0049
Buono Pizzeria & Restaurant	(L)(D)	1300 Westfield Avenue	732-499-0400
Burger King	(B)(L)(D)	1714 Rt#1 South	732-574-8266
Casa Borinquen	(L(D))	44 East Cherry Street	732-669-7175
Chicken Delight	(L)(D)	1685 St. Georges Avenue	732-388-3513
Cubanu Restaurant	(L)(D)(A)	1467 Main Street	732-499-7100
Dairy Queen	(L)	735 East Hazelwood Avenue	732-388-8757
Demblings	(L)(D)	736 West Grand Avenue	732-388-0499
Domino's	(L)(D)	1725 St. Georges Avenue	732-574-2525
Dragon Palace	(L)(D)	41 East Milton Avenue	732-396-1996
Dunkin Donuts	(B)(L)	926 St. Georges Avenue	732-499-8510
Dunkin' Donuts	(B)(L)	2119 Rt#1 North	732-574-3377
Dunkin' Donuts	(B)(L)	1655 St. Georges Avenue	
Dunkin' Donuts	(B)(L)	1800 Rt#1 South	732-381-7788
Express News Cafe	(L)	Train Station Plaza	732-381-1542
Firehouse Eatery & Pub	(L)(D)(A)	455 St. Georges Avenue	732-382-9500
Flynn's Irish Pub	(L)(D)(A)	1482 Main Street	732-381-4700
Fon Garden	(L)(D)	1540 Irving Street	732-388-1122
Galaxy Diner	(B)(L)(D)(A)	293 St. Georges Avenue	732-388-4220
Gino's Pizzeria	(L)(D)	1576 Irving Street	732-382-9774

Hunan Restaurant	(L)(D)	
Indigo Hotel	(B)(L)(D)(R)(A)	
In the Mix	(B)(L)(D)	
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#### **PEP RALLY WOWS THEM!**

On Friday, September 17, Rahway High School held its first pep rally of the year. The pep rally, organized by Rahway High School physical education teacher and cheerleading coach Maria Capriglione, generated school spirit in support of fall athletics and brought together students and athletes of all grade levels.



(above, l-r) Sophomore cheerleaders Tylar Godwin, Nicole Davis, Lizmarie Castro and Megan Marsden join their classmates to spark excitement for fall sports such as football, soccer, volleyball, girls' tennis, and track.

# RECORD-BREAKING SENIOR TRACK/CROSS COUNTRY STAR

Jeremy Antivo being scouted by several colleges

After a long summer of running 60-70 miles a week, most cross country runners are anxious to compete. Such is the case with Rahway senior Jeremy Antivo. "We train so hard all summer long, through blood, sweat and tears. The constant running just makes you hungry to see what you can do in a race," says Antivo, who begins his 2010-2011 campaign on the right track, breaking yet another Rahway record at the St. Dominic Academy Invitational in Jersey City. Antivo ran a school record 17 minutes 4 seconds on the 3.38 mile course, slightly longer than the typical 3.1 mile course layout, to lead Rahway to a fifth place finish.

"We wanted to place much higher, but it didn't happen for us today", says senior captain Luke Harper, who finished in eleventh place. "However, we had some strong performances from our young runners and we know we will make a statement this year that Rahway is not just a strong program on the track, but we are serious contenders in cross country as well. "We had a strong start to our season. We have big dreams and greater expectations, so we certainly aren't satisfied," says distance coach Leon Bunion. "The guys will continue to work hard and follow the plan for success that has been mapped out and I'm confident we will reach our goals. Jeremy had a great day and he is certainly on his way to possibly the greatest season by a Rahway cross country runner. It is important that he stays focused and follows the plan."

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# WENDY'S SUPPORTS MARCHING BAND!

Mom & Daughter Support Fund Raiser for High School's Marching Band

On the evening of Wednesday, September 14 members of the Rahway High School Marching Band held a fundraiser at Wendy's on St. George Avenue in Rahway. During the event, students, teachers, families and friends of Rahway High School Marching Band members were invited to purchase dinner at Wendy's. A portion of the profits were donated by Wendy's to the Rahway High School Band Booster Association.

Recently, the Rahway High School Marching Band took first place at the United States Scholastic Band Association competition in Edison. OUR TOWN Rahway • Page 11 • October 2010



(above) High School Band Booster parent and Clevelend Elementary teacher Claire Carpenter joins her daughter, Rahway senior and color guard member Ashley at fundraiser.

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#### **CAN YOU BELIEVE THE BEAUTY OF THIS RAHWAY ELM?**

Submitted by James Lynch of River Road NJ Certified Tree Expert



(above) River Road resident Jim Lynch, Rahway's most notable naturalist and tree expert, stands under the magnificent elm tree located at Berzinec Park on the corner of Central and St. Georges Avenues.

A better translation of Rahway's name is probably "Rahwack" a Lenni Lenape native term meaning "the center of the forest" and if accurate Rahway must have been a real shady place in those days. Not long after the towns were cleared for commerce, farms and homes, the settlers starting missing their shade trees and went about planting along their streets and avenues to recapture that pleasant feeling of not roasting in the sun! It's time for this generation to put the "shade" back in shade trees. Too often little popsicles are planted along our streets that although look pretty nice aren't anything like those shade trees of olde particularly that fantastic American elm! The elms are the royalty of shade trees both here and in Europe but none matched the American elm for beauty.

Where I grew up on Wyoming Avenue in Elizabeth the canopy tops of the trees were knotted together like an umbrella so I would hardly break a sweat while delivering newspapers along that wonderful shady avenue. Then one day it seemed they were all gone; the Dutch elm disease blew in and for a year all I heard was the whine of those chain saws. Elms and some of their disease resistant varieties and cousins have to be part of a diverse planting to ensure that if hit by a blight all the trees in a community aren't eliminated in one fell swoop! Rahway historically probably had as many American elms and their close cousins the Slippery elms as anywhere maybe in the USA. That was due to the large amount of floodplain

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and river bottom soils that occur in Rahway and is the American elm's favorite habitat. Sadly nearly all Rahway's elms have succumbed to the ongoing blight with a few remaining along some of our floodplains. These trees after resisting this disease for now close to ninety years should have their seedlings replanted as they are definitely tough. One fantastic example and there are a few, is in the old library park on Central Avenue by the bocce court. As majestic and serene a tree as I'm sure inspired Joyce Kilmer's famous poem. Another Slippery sits astride the field house at the high school ball fields; and a few nice trees are along River Road in the back yards. A few years ago some "Princeton" American elms were planted in front of city hall along Milton Avenue and some very disease resistant "Parifolia" elms were planted along Leesville Ave; slower growing they do have the wonderful umbrella shape of the American elms. I think the big lesson to take from the American elm story is that streetscapes must be diverse to resist disease and loss. Also, we need to put the right tree in the right place an old admonition that still is very true. Downtown large trees don't make sense except in the pocket parks and large right of ways. Residents should always be consulted as to variety as someone with a garden or pool will not appreciate the loss of sunlight; but where there is room a "Shade" tree that makes shade for all should be the choice. Nothing does more to make a town a "hometown" than its trees.





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#### **RAHWAY HIGH SCHOOL SOCIAL ACTION CLUB TAKES TO THE RIVER!**

Cleanup fetches Bags of Plastic Bottles and Debris!

It was a beautiful day on Saturday, October 2nd to be outside and enjoying the bright sunshine and comfortable autumn temperatures.

About twenty-five students from Rahway High School's Social Action Club with the help of Cub Scout Pack #30 of Clark/Linden took their morning off to help cleanup Milton Lake Park of debris and garbage. The cleanup was sponsored by the Rahway River Association under the direction of Jeff Jotz of Rahway. Elizabeth Jotz, Moderator of the Social Action Club, also leant her time and assistance. United Water Company donated lunch and gloves and bags were provided through a City of Rahway Clean Communities Grant. Local Realtor Marianne Power of Saliga & Markey Real Estate donated power snacks for all attendees.



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#### **DENNY GRAPEFRUITSEED: A LITTLE TLC GOES A LONG WAY!**

We've all heard of Johnny Appleseed but did you know that we have a Denny Grapefruitseed right here in Rahway? Our own Dennis Kirk of Price Street has been the proud caregiver to a lovely grapefruit tree sown by his own hand over 53 years ago.

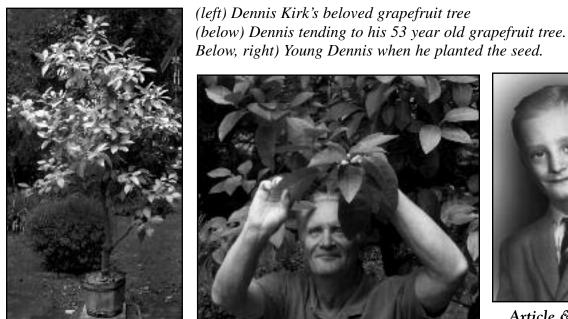
It all started when 8 year old Dennis was and stick it in a little pot with some dirt?" sitting at his kitchen table eating a grapefruit, telling his father about a science project he needed for school. As his dad watched him spit out the seeds he got the idea, "Why don't you just take one of those grapefruit seeds, dry it out

And that's just what young Denny did. After a few weeks of tending, "a little green thing popped

out of the dirt!" He was so excited, he had never grown anything before. After the science fair, Denny took the plant home and watered it as it kept requiring larger and larger pots, until now, when that very grapefruit shoot stands over seven feet tall and weighs a hefty 80 lbs!

The grapefruit tree sits on a wheeled platform outside from spring until the neighborhood leaves start changing color. That's when Dennis wheels it back into the house and parks it in its own little light-filled porch next to the back door. "If I catch it right, it'll retain its leaves throughout the winter," says Dennis. "I can tell when spring is about to arrive because it starts to put out new sprouts on the existing branches."

While his lifelong friend doesn't have a name, Dennis is convinced it's a female ever since he followed a sweet perfume scent to her room and discovered she had borne one perfect little flower. He's right when he says, "A little TLC goes a long way."







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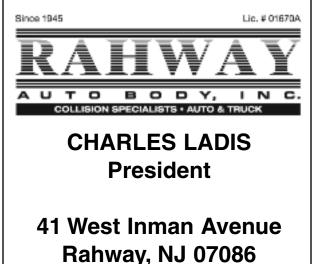
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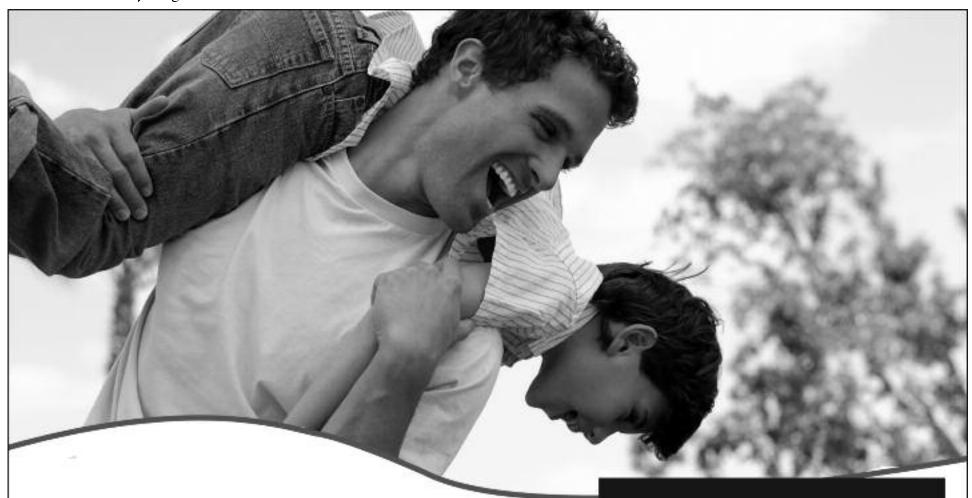
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