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The Voice of the Rahway Chamber of Commerce.

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RAHWAY TO HOLD ANNUAL TALENT SHOW

The Rahway Department of Parks and Recreation are pleased to present their annual Talent Show on Friday, March 28 at The Hamilton Stage in Rahway. Curtain time is 7 pm.

The Talent show is a culmination of a rigorous audition and rehearsal process and showcases area vocalists, musicians and dancers. More than fifteen youth and adult performers will compete for the top spots in each of those divisions.

The judges for this event are working professionals and include Eugene Napoleon, President and CEO of Nap Sports which provides marketing, promotions, contract negotiations, special events, speaking engagements, endorsement opportunities, and consultant work for professional athletes and other celebrity clients; singer, song writer and music producer Kenny Black, Jr.; Pamela Long, former lead vocalist of the platinum recording group Total; and Duane Okun, guitarist and original member of the indie-rock band Socratic, now recording a debut album with his new group Levy and the Oakes.

All tickets to the Talent Show are \$10 general admission



and may be purchased at the door.

For more information, please contact the Rahway Recreation Center at 732-669-3600.

RAHWAY DAY IS ON THE WAY

On Saturday May 3rd, the Rahway Chamber of Commerce will host its 3rd annual Rahway Day. The celebration will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., rain or shine, at the Rahway Public Library, 2 City Hall Plaza.

The purpose of Rahway Day is to showcase our Public Library and all that this community has to offer to residents and businesses, while welcoming new comers to our town. The Chamber of Commerce would like to encourage people to "Think Rahway First", which is the overall theme of the event. There will be activities for all ages.

The Friends of the Rahway Public Library, will once again host their "Race Around Rahway" scavenger hunt, to take place starting at the Public Library and continuing around the downtown area.

Admission to Rahway Day is free and open to the public.

If you would like to get the word of your business out to our residents, consider purchasing table space or sponsoring the event. Information can be found at www.rahwaychamberofcommerce.com, or you can email rahwayday@rahwaychamberofcommerce.com and a packet will be emailed to you. For sponsorship inquiries contact Johnson PR & Events at 732-713-1167.



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PRESCHOOL PROGRAM LUNCH PROVIDED THROUGH CHURCH COLLABORATION

The Gateway Family YMCA and the First Presbyterian Church collaborates to provide an afternoon lunch for program families.

With a little help from the community, the Gateway Family YMCA provides Early Learning Readiness (ELR) programs in both Elizabeth and Rahway. ELR is a free program, open to the community supporting school readiness for preschool age children and their caregivers.

The Rahway Branch ELR program meets at the First Presbyterian Church, 1721 Church Street, Rahway. On February 25 at 11:30 am, the Church staff provided a complimentary lunch for all of the ELR families. Provided was chicken, macaroni and cheese, vegetable platter, fruit salad, juice and water. The church has also offered to have an "End of ELR School Year" picnic in June. The ELR program is on a school-year calendar and will end in June. "This has been a great collaboration that we will want to continue for the 2014-15 school year as well," stated Mike Johnson, Director of Association Initiatives – The Gateway Family YMCA.

The Gateway Family YMCA's Early Learning Readiness Program provides a preschool-like experience with the focus on supporting and

developing the skills of caregivers, while improving school readiness among children. Y staff and volunteers support caregivers and share information on child development, learning and model activities that can be reinforced in the home.

The Gateway Family YMCA, formerly The YMCA of Eastern Union County, is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, health and community service organization of caring staff and volunteers dedicated to strengthening the foundations of community. The Y stands For Youth Development, For Healthy Living and For Social Responsibility. The Gateway Family YMCA impacts the community by providing quality services to people of all ages, races, faith or incomes. The Y doesn't just strengthen bodies – it strengthens people, families and communities.

For more information about community programs and services provided by The Gateway Family YMCA, please visit www.tgfymca.org. For more information on Early Learning Readiness (ELR) in Elizabeth or Rahway, please contact Michael Johnson at 908-249-4809 or mjohnson@tgfymca.org.



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START WITH THE SOIL

Whether your goal is a plush green lawn or a large harvest of vegetables, soil fertility testing is the place to start. It helps by determining a soil's pH and need for lime and fertilizer.

The best time to take a soil sample is before spring fertilization or after harvest in the fall or. Do not sample shortly after a lime, fertilizer, or manure application or when the soil is excessively wet. For lawns, late summer sampling will prepare you for fall fertilization.

The Rutgers Soils Laboratory uses state-of-the-art instruments and methods of soil analysis. They suggest soil testing be repeated every 2-3 years.

WHY DOES SOIL PH MATTER?

Soil pH is a scale to measure how acidic or alkaline the soil is. Soil pH of 7 is neutral, below 7 is acidic and a pH above is alkaline.

Plants, vegetables and grass grow better, are healthier and produce more within their own pH range. The proper pH permits plants to absorb minerals from the soil. Evergreens require an acidic pH around 4.5 while tomatoes need a pH of 7.0.

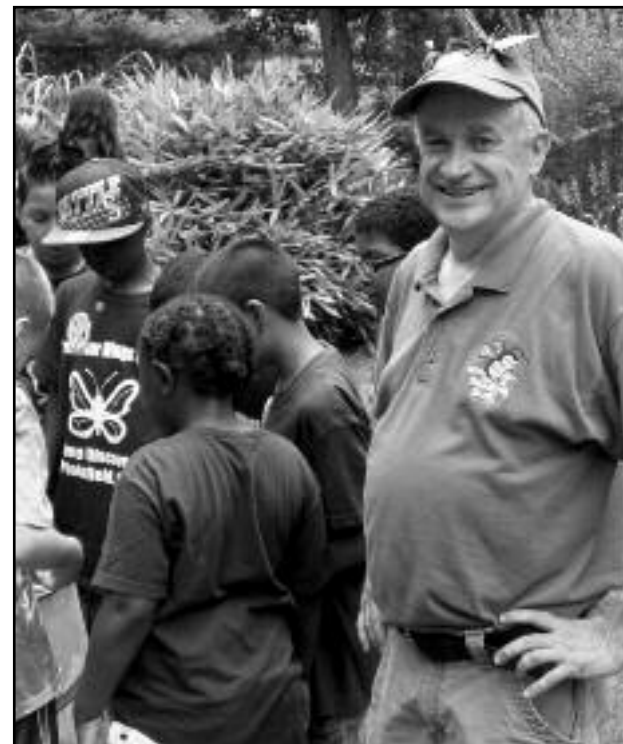
By knowing the plant nutrition needs of your lawn and gardens, you can prevent the over-application of fertilizers.

Soil test sampling kits are available for a fee of \$20 from most of Rutgers Cooperative Extension offices at the Garden Helpline offices.

In Union County that office is at 300 North Ave East, Westfield, NJ, on the 2nd floor. You can also purchase soil test kits by mail.

For more information contact the Garden Helpline at 908-654-9852.

Separate soil samples will need to be taken from areas used to grow different types of plants. For example, separate soil test kits



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

should be used for lawn areas and vegetable garden areas. Samples from rhododendron, azalea, and other broad leaf evergreen areas should be kept separate from other shrub areas. Also sample separately areas that have previously received different lime or fertilizer treatments and areas that are noticeably different in plant or soil quality.

Information from Rutgers Fact Sheet # 797 Soil Testing.

For a comprehensive list of Rutgers Cooperative Extension publications visit www.rce.rutgers.edu

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Project Ready is located within St. Joseph Social Service Center at 118 Division St. in Elizabeth. For more information please call (908) 353-1045 x213, email projectreadysj@yahoo.com or visit www.stjosephelizbeth.org.

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SOUP KITCHEN: Every Saturday a team of volunteers prepare a hot meal for 75-130 people-this program is opened to anyone within the community.

The location is: First Presbyterian Church, 1731 Church Street Rahway, New Jersey 07065

FOOD DISTRIBUTION: On Monday and Tuesday of the last FULL week of the month there is a food distribution program where we distributed over 200 bags of food. This program is available for Rahway's residents only. This program is available at our main headquarters: Seventh Day Adventist Church, 1221 New Brunswick Ave., Rahway, New Jersey 07065

HOW YOU CAN HELP: To donate time, food, services, ideas, funds, holiday gifts, and encouragement please call or write: Rahway Food for Friends, 1221 New Brunswick Ave. Rahway, New Jersey 07065, 732-381-7201



(above) Rahway Police Officers and Police Auxiliaries volunteered to help serve meals at Rahway Food For Friends on March 8th. Photo by Rahway Food For Friends

BLUE AND GOLD CLUB HELPS THE COMMUNITY

Members of The Blue and Gold Club at Franklin Elementary School in Rahway went to the Food for Friends Soup Kitchen and worked to help those who are in need of a hot meal.

Each month, four of these dedicated students from the club go to the soup kitchen at the First Presbyterian Church in Rahway to serve food. Students really enjoy serving the community.



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The students and staff at Franklin Elementary School experienced America's most popular school assembly on February 4th. Inspiring more than 2.5 million students annually, All for Kidz Inc. partners with schools in all 50 states, Canada, the United Kingdom, Australia and New Zealand. Their simple, yet impactful message was introduced through the NED show, a 45-minute assembly that serves as a catalyst to enhance school climate. Teaching three critical skills, the story of a lovable cartoon character NED was designed to give students the tools they need to become champions at school and in life. NED's name serves as an acronym that makes the message easy to remember. The "N" stands for "Never Give Up", the "E" stands for "Encourage Others" and the "D" stands for "Do Your Best". The audience enjoyed an engaging performance that focused on the importance of persistence, kindness, diligence and excellence. Humor, audience participation, storytelling and amazing yo-yo tricks were all combined to make it a truly educational experience.



(above) Jonathan Tilton was rewarded with a balloon hat for his excellent answer about what it takes to be a successful student.

SOCK DRIVE AT FRANKLIN SCHOOL

Blue and Gold Club members at Franklin Elementary school in Rahway recently sponsored a sock drive at school. They collected over 70 pairs of socks which were donated to the Rahway Soup Kitchen. In addition to donating socks to families in need, the students also helped serve food at the Soup Kitchen on February 8th.




(above) Aneisha Hunt and Jack Blair

TEENS FOR JEANS

Students at Franklin School in Rahway participated in the "Teens for Jeans" campaign sponsored by Aeropostale. Students donated their old jeans to help fight teen homelessness. Franklin School collected 161 pairs of jeans which will be donated to homeless teens.




(above) Blue and Gold club members Pauline Tardif and Desiree Johnson



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The Munsee District of the Boy Scouts of America hosted their first Chess Tournament open to all registered Boy Scouts, Venturers and Explorers. The tournament was generously sponsored by White Castle and was held on February 22, in the Cranford Community

Center. This was the first tournament since the Boy Scouts of America introduced the Chess merit badge. Thirty-one players participated, playing four games each.

Nicholas Riggins of Cranford's Troop #80 won all four of his games and finished in first place, beating out second place finisher Thomas Brockman of Millstone. Brockman also won all four of his games but lost to Riggins in tie-breaker points. Third place with three wins was Cranford's James Sweeney.

White Castle purchased 20 sets, boards and clocks for Munsee District. The company also covered expenses for running the tournament including trophies for the top three winners and ribbons for participants. They also supplied lunch for all players and spectators along with gift bags. White Castle will continue to support the Boy Scouts and the Chess program.

Scouts can now earn a Chess Merit which was recently introduced. Interested Scouts can contact Joe Renna, a certified Merit Badge Counselor, at 908-447-1295.



(above, l-r) First, second and third place finishers of the 2014 White Castle / Munsee District Boy Scout Chess Tournament, Nicholas Riggins, Thomas Brockman, and James Sweeney.

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Students of David Brearley Middle & High Schools will present *The Wiz* on April 4 & 5, 2014 at 7pm.

The Wiz is a retelling of L. Frank Baum's *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*, which features music and lyrics by Charlie Smalls and is based on a book by William F. Brown.

Come watch as Dorothy (Vanessa Sierra) is swept away by a tornado and must find her way back home. Along the way, she befriends a brainless Scarecrow (Andrea Gaines), a heartless Tinman (Jenna Zimmerman), and a cowardly Lion (Orion Stubbs).

Will Dorothy be able to avoid the clutches of the Wicked Witch of the West, Evillene (Mariah Pogue)? Will the Wiz (Michael Mossucco) show her how to get back home?

Find out on Friday, April 4 and Saturday April 5 at 7pm!

Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$8 at the door. Call (908) 931-9696 for more information.



(above, l-r) Orion Stubbs, Andrea Gaines, Vanessa Sierra, Jenna Zimmerman, Michael Mossucco (Mariah Pogue not pictured).

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TEEN EVENTS

March 2014 Events

Thursday, March 6 at 6:15 pm.

Celebrating 10 Years at 2 City Hall Plaza!

Ghost hunting in New York City and New Jersey : Learn about the top haunted hot spots of New Jersey and New York City based on the books from the America's Haunted Road Trip series as authored by our presenter L'Aura Hladik.

Friends Meeting:

Next meeting Thursday, March 13 at 7:00 pm .

The Friends meet at the library at 7:00 pm on the second Thursday of each month.

Book Bingo

Tuesday, March 11 at 2:00 pm.

Match up titles to win books and other prizes!

This program is open to adults (age 18+).

Everyone wins! One bingo board per person, per game.

Reader's Circle Book Group

Wednesday, March 19 at 2:00 pm.

Ellis Island by Katie Kerrigan.

March 22 marks Rahway Public Library's 10th Anniversary at 2 City Hall Plaza!

Come join us for an Anniversary Celebration & Silent Auction. Tickets are \$35 and available for purchase. For more information, please contact the Reference Department at 732-340-1551 ext. 212, or visit our website rahwaylibrary.org/home/Anniversary.aspx

TEEN EVENTS

Teen Tech Week

DIY @ your Library! Explore, create and share content that can be found at the Rahway Public Library. We have computers, databases, websites, e-books and more! Teens can discover what resources we offer through our TTW Scavenger Hunt Contest.

Teen Screen Presents

Monday, March 10 at 5:30 pm.

Austenland PG-13 Obsessed with Pride and Prejudice, a woman travels to a Jane Austen theme park in search for her perfect gentleman. All are welcome to attend and popcorn will be served.

Career Showcase

Monday, March 4 6-7:45 pm.

Teens and adults will have the opportunity to talk to a variety of professionals from many different fields. Learn the requirements, challenges, and rewards from current professionals!

Join us for a fun-filled day of festivities.

Saturday, March 22.

Help us decorate the Teen Circle by making a square on our Anniversary banner. Find the supplies in the teen area all day long.

CHILDREN'S EVENTS

Toddler Time Story & Craft

Tuesday, March 11, 18 and 25 at 10:30 am.

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All Day Saturday, March 1st 9-5 pm.

Lucky St. Patrick's Day Drop-In Craft

All Day Saturday, March 15th 9-5 pm.

Spring Stories

Wednesday, March 12 and 19 at 4:00 & 6:00 pm.

Women's History Month Book Bingo

Wednesday, Feb. 26 at 4:00 pm.

Special Event! Hip Hop Catz

Saturday, March 22.

The Hip Hop Catz is a crew that uses hip hop as a learning tool! Call for time.

RAHWAY PUBLIC LIBRARY'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY

Submitted by James Fabiano, Reference Librarian at Rahway Public Library since 2004

This March will be the 10th anniversary of when Rahway Public Library re-opened at its new location in City Hall Plaza. Five years earlier, the library was hit hard by Hurricane Floyd at its original location, and had to split their operations amongst different locales of the city in the interim. However, come 2004, RPL became part of a state-of-the-art, 32,000 square foot facility that had been in the making since 2001.

One of the best things about history working out as it did was that I was able to be there right when this transition was under way for RPL. I was hired just as the re-opening was to take place, and I soon joined the other staffers in preparing shelves; tagging books so that they may be compatible with our security system; putting the materials back where they should be; and more. Once we were open to the public, I found myself acclimating to the reference desk, the first time I would be giving multiple people information during the day, and at the spur of the moment. It was the first library job after receiving my MLS degree from Rutgers

University a year previous. It also helped me take the next step in my evolution as an information broker, which started with longer, isolated researches when I volunteered for the television show "The Open Mind."

Just as important, I have met many good friends, on both sides of the desk. Patrons, co-workers, it is always great to have a set of familiar faces to come into work for. Some are still here, some have moved on, and some are indeed no longer with us. Others, I've gotten the fortune to know as they joined our library. But all are alike in that I am blessed to have them in my life.

Speaking of blessings, in this uncertain time we now live in, I feel very fortunate that I apparently have done enough to stay working with RPL in this last decade. I know I am not the best librarian, I know I am not the most knowledgeable, but if I am doing what I'm supposed to be doing, that makes me very happy. I look forward to our next decade, and beyond. A very special thanks to everyone who has made me feel this way!

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



Colin Gittens

As I write this month's column, The Friends of the Rahway Public Library are still in the thick of planning for the Library's Anniversary Party on March 22. By the time these words reach the public via Our Town, the party will be set to happen only a few days later. So I hope that if you read this in the days leading up to March 22, and you had not purchased a ticket for what promises to be a truly special evening, that you are able to snap up a last-minute ticket and join us. We will share photos and details about the party in next month's issue.

So while we continue preparations for this major event, we are also stepping up our efforts for an event we have run since the inception of the Friends group. That event is, of course, our annual book sale, which will take place between Wednesday, April 9 and Saturday, April 12.

This event is another that requires a lot of hard work from a lot of volunteers. The first of those volunteers is you, the public. The Friends rely on donations of books, CDs, DVDs, audiobooks, and puzzles to provide us the materials for this sale, and in past years you have responded wonderfully. You can bring donations with you to the library next time you visit, leaving them at the circulation desk. If you have a large number of items (many boxes, for example), please call ahead (732-340-1551) to arrange a time when one of our workers can meet you and put them directly into storage. Or,

if you're unable to get things to the library, call 732-221-0205 to arrange a pickup.

Members of the Friends also volunteer extra time for this event. There are boxes to be lifted, sorting to be done (we get consistent compliments from sale attendees saying that ours is one of the best organized sales they visit!), publicity to get out, and many other tasks involved. Fortunately, we have a great group, and more encouragingly, we have also gotten some new members in months' past who have begun regularly attending our monthly meeting, rolling up their sleeves, and getting involved.

Perhaps you'd like to get involved as well? As our name implies, we're a friendly bunch, and it is not hard to feel good by working to support an

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institution as essential as the library. We meet the second Tuesday of each month at the library, but with our event-filled spring, we've had extra meetings. Please indicate your interest by e-mailing friendsofrpl@rahwaylibrary.org or calling 732-221-0205.

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BASKETBALL BRINGS TEENS TOGETHER AT THE GATEWAY FAMILY YMCA

The first year as an association-wide team comes to a conclusion

Finishing their first year as an Association-wide 14 under Basketball Team, The Gateway Family YMCA may not have won the tournament, but they achieved so much more. The team, coached by Steve Alce of the Five Points branch, consisted of teen members from The Gateway Family YMCA branches in Elizabeth, Rahway and Union. "It's amazing to see this group from different communities and Y branches, come together as a real team throughout the season," added Danielle Cioffi, District Executive Director - The Gateway Family YMCA.

The 14 under Basketball Team concluded the season at the YBA Tournament the first weekend of March at the Wyckoff Area YMCA. In a double elimination tournament, featuring teams from around New Jersey, The Gateway Family YMCA team advanced all the way to the final day of the tournament, from Friday to Sunday. In a close game, the team was knocked out of the tournament by the Westfield YMCA. "This was really a great experience for the teens not only on the court playing together, but also off the court between games, spending time hanging out and bonding," stated Steve Alce, Youth and Teen Coordinator at the Five Points Branch, "You can be sure the Gateway Family YMCA will be back again for next year's tournament."

"The best part of this whole experience was seeing this group of teens from all different branches grow together on the team and become friends in this season," added Thomas Galuppo, Youth and Family Director at The Gateway Family YMCA - Five Points Branch. In past years, teams from the branches in Elizabeth, Rahway and Union have typically competed against each other in friendly 3 on 3 tournaments. This year marks the first year that all branches banded together to form the association-wide team. The Gateway Family YMCA also hosts an association-wide Swim Team, which practices at the Rahway Branch.

The Gateway Family YMCA, formerly The YMCA of Eastern Union County, is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, health and community service organization of caring staff and volunteers dedicated to strengthening the foundations of community. The Y stands For Youth Development, For Healthy Living and For Social Responsibility. The Gateway Family YMCA impacts the community by providing quality services to people of all ages, races, faith

or incomes. The Y doesn't just strengthen bodies - it strengthens people, families and communities.

For more information about community programs and services provided by The Gateway Family YMCA, please visit www.tgfymca.org or contact the Rahway Branch at rahwayinfo@tgfymca.org 908-388-0057, or the Wellness Center Branch at wellnessinfo@tgfymca.org 908-349-9622.





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GEORGE WASHINGTON VISITED THE HISTORIC TERRILL TAVERN

Submitted by Al Shipley, City historian and Rahway Library Research Consultant

The small, white structure located behind the Merchants and Drovers Tavern Museum (corner of St. Georges Avenue and Westfield Avenue) was built circa 1760 and has a history that more than rivals the imposing four-story corner museum.

In the years of the American Revolution, the Terrill Tavern was a popular stop for soldiers of both armies during the British invasion of 1775-1777. The Proprietor, Abraham Terrill, was a staunch patriot, but when the British came into town he was forced to disguise his loyalties to protect his business. Whenever the redcoats were in the vicinity, he hoisted the British flag and served the soldiers draughts of apple flip and metheglin. As soon as they left, he hauled down the Union Jack and converted his tavern into a rebel recruiting station.

The most famous visitor to stop at the Terrill Tavern was George Washington, who happened there unexpectedly as he led his weary Continental Army down the Old King's Highway while being pursued by British troops in late 1776. As the story goes, the General found Mrs. Terrill, with sleeves rolled-up, doing the family wash. When she recognized the distinguished guest, she made apologies for her appearance and invited him in for an abundant meal of ham and eggs. He ate his meal with great relish, expressed his hearty appreciation, and hastily continued on his trek toward Trenton and his fateful Christmas raid.

Other noteworthy patrons to visit the tavern were Generals Lafayette and Gates, and Lords Cornwallis and Howe.

The tavern was originally a one and a half story, four-room cottage built by Mr. Terrill for his bride, Mary Dunham, whom he married in a church in Westfield in 1763. Soon after the Revolution, the number of coach runs along St. Georges Avenue, the main road between New York and Philadelphia, increased, necessitating

the need for more inns. Terrill recognized a business opportunity and seized the chance to fill this need by adding a two-story addition to the south side of his building in order to accommodate overnight guests.

In its long history, the Terrill Tavern has been located on three different sites. It was originally built on the west side of St. Georges Avenue between Hamilton Street and Stone Street, approximately across from what is today the St. Thomas Church complex. By the late 1800s the two-story hotel portion was razed, but the original cottage was saved and moved behind the tall privacy fence protecting the 13 acre Squier/Searles estate which encompassed the property between St. Georges and Jefferson Avenues and Hamilton and Stone Streets. Two large mansions stood on the expansive tract of

land along with stables and several other outbuildings. The former tavern building was used as a reading room and tack house (storage room for horse gear).

In late December, 1971, the Squier/Searles estate was being cleared to make way for a new development of 53 homes and the Terrill Tavern came close to being torn down. Fortunately, through the efforts of Merck, Purolater, Arthur Delorenzo, and John Markey, the building was saved for a second time and moved to its present location on December 29, 1971.

Today the Terrill Tavern houses the gift shop of the Merchants and Drovers and remains a fine example of an 18th century single room structure. The citizens of Rahway can now boast of the unique situation of having two historic tavern inns on the same piece of property.



(above) The Terrill Tavern being transported along St. Georges Avenue, past St. Thomas Church, on the morning of Wednesday, December 29, 1971



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On Friday, February 28, 2014, Mrs. Lindsey Barrett's bilingual kindergarten class at Franklin Elementary School in Rahway celebrated Read

Across America. Ms. Lorraine Aklonis visited the class to read Mrs. Barrett's favorite childhood story, Cinderella. The children enjoyed the afternoon and received coloring books as a special gift from Ms. Aklonis. The students are hoping our special guest reader will return soon with another story!



(above) High School reader Ali Concepcion and The Cat in the Hat (Brandon Munoz) with Roosevelt students Roy Rodriguez, Kaylee Kuczynski, Jonathan Vasquez, and Christian Soto.



(above, bottom, l-r) Kevin Ayala, Katie Reyes, Carlos Rodrigues, Victor Cruz, and Nicole Jimenez. (top, l-r) Angel Hernandez, Jason Ponce, Jennifer Arguello, Ms. Aklonis, Jasang Martinez, and Yaritza Garcia.

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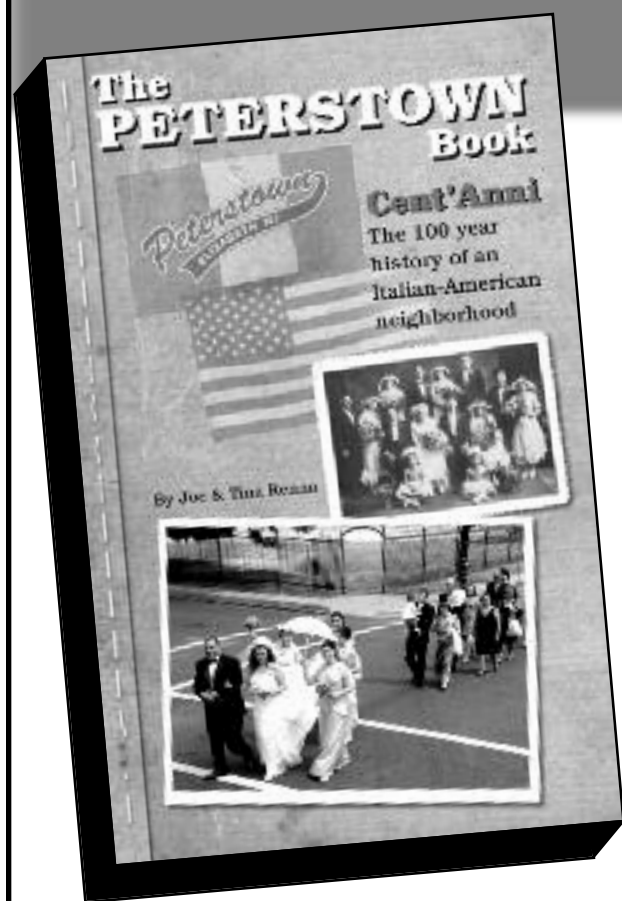
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Tanqueray	1.75L	\$38.99

COGNAC & BRANDY

Cardenal Mendoza	750ml	\$37.99
Courvoisier V.S.	750ml	\$24.99
Courvoisier V.S.	1.75L	\$54.99
E & J V.S. Brandy	750ml	\$ 8.99
E & J V.S. Brandy	1.75L	\$20.99
E & J V.S.O.P. Brandy	750ml	\$10.99
E & J V.S.O.P. Brandy	1.75L	\$22.99
Hennessy V.S.	750ml	\$29.99
Hennessy V.S.	1.75L	\$59.99
Leroux Blackberry	750ml	\$11.99
Leroux Blackberry	1.75L	\$19.99
Paul Masson Amber	750ml	\$10.99
Paul Masson Amber	1.75L	\$19.99
Remy Martin 1738	750ml	\$49.99
Remy Martin V.S.O.P.	750ml	\$37.99
Remy Martin V.S.O.P.	1.75L	\$84.99

VODKA

Absolut (regular)	750ml	\$19.99
Absolut (regular)	1.75L	\$31.99
Belvedere Vodka	750ml	\$28.99
Belvedere Vodka	1.75L	\$49.99
Ciroc (all types)	750ml	\$30.99
Ciroc (all types)	1.75L	\$57.99
Finlandia	750ml	\$15.99
Finlandia	1.75L	\$25.99
Fris	1.75L	\$18.99
Grey Goose	750ml	\$27.99
Grey Goose (all types)	1.75L	\$55.99
Ketel One	750ml	\$26.99
Ketel One	1.75L	\$39.99
Majorska	750ml	\$ 8.99
Majorska	1.75L	\$14.99
Pinnacle (all types)	750ml	\$12.99
Pinnacle (all types)	1.75L	\$19.99
Skyy	1.75L	\$24.99
Smirnoff Vodka 80 proof	750ml	\$10.99
Smirnoff Vodka (all types)	1.75L	\$19.99
Sobieski	750ml	\$11.99
Sobieski	1.75L	\$18.99
Soplica	750ml	\$ 9.99
Soplica	1.75L	\$18.99
Stolichnaya (all types)	1.75L	\$29.99
Svedka (all types)	750ml	\$11.99
Svedka (all types)	1.75L	\$19.99
Tanqueray Sterling	750ml	\$22.99
Tanqueray Sterling	1.75L	\$29.99
Three Olives (all types)	1L	\$22.99
Three Olives (all types)	1.75L	\$26.99
Traveler's Vodka	1.75L	\$10.99

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Bailey's Irish Cream	750ml	\$19.99
Bailey's Irish Cream	1.75L	\$40.99
Carolans Irish Cream	750ml	\$10.99
Kahlua	750ml	\$19.99
Kahlua	1.75L	\$32.99
Krupnik	750ml	\$13.99
Licor 43	750ml	\$19.99
Licor 43	1.75L	\$39.99
Patron XO Café	750ml	\$22.99
Patron XO Café	1.75L	\$39.99
Southern Comfort	750ml	\$17.99
Southern Comfort	1.75L	\$26.99

RUM

Bacardi Light	750ml	\$14.99
Bacardi Light & Gold	1.75L	\$19.99
Captain Morgan Spice	1.75L	\$25.99
Malibu	750ml	\$16.99
Malibu	1.75L	\$24.99

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Avion Silver	750ml	\$33.99
El Jimador Reposado	750ml	\$19.99
El Jimador Reposado	1.75L	\$29.99
Jose Cuervo	750ml	\$19.99
Jose Cuervo	1.75L	\$32.99
Patron Silver	750ml	\$39.99
Patron Silver	1.75L	\$79.99

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Budweiser loose bottle	24pk	\$16.99
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Coors Lite can/Miller Lite can	30pk	\$21.99
Coors Lite loose bottles	24pk	\$16.99
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Famosa Lager cans	24pk	\$18.99
Heineken/Heineken Lite	24pk	\$26.99
Lech (500ml)	20pk	\$26.99
Pabst Blue Ribbon cans	30pk	\$17.99
Pilsner Urquell	24pk	\$28.99
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Stella Artois bottles	24pk	\$26.99
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